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**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT MEETING ON 26th SEPTEMBER 2012**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 8.00
PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON
THURSDAY 30th AUGUST 2012**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Cllr P Robinson, Cllr P Jordan, Cllr A James, Cllr J Tough. Thirteen members of the public were also present.

33/12 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman ran through Mobile Phones, Exits, Loop System, Toilets.

34/12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr J Poole, Cllr B Mouland.

35/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The declaration was read out by the Chairman. No interests were declared.

Meeting Adjourned

36/12 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Public Questions – Items not on the agenda
None

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These will be allowed as the item is heard

Meeting Reconvened

37/12 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th May 2012.

Proposed Cllr Jordan, Seconded Cllr Mouland - **3 supported, Cllr Tough was not at the meeting and abstained. Minutes Approved**

38/12 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Radford Park Steps - Cllr James stated that she had abstained from the decision to reinstate the steps. This was because at the meeting dated 1 November 2010, the decision was to remove the steps on health & Safety grounds. She explained that this was proposed by Cllr Jordan at the time and therefore demanded a public apology for the manner of his comments which were incorrect. Cllr Jordan did not believe the accuracy of such comments or manner warranted an apology. At this point Cllr James stated that she would be leaving the meeting.

Cllr James left the meeting

The Locum Clerk confirmed that the committee was still quorate and could continue with the three Councillors present.

39/12 PRESENTATION FROM THE TENNIS CLUB

Liz Hargreaves gave a presentation on the Plans for the tennis club. (copy in minute book) There was a need to regularise the lease, work more closely with the Parish Council and to explore funding options to develop facilities.

Background – There are 58 junior members and 76 Adult members that participate in local leagues. Many members of the community have used the facilities over the years which has been a well-established part of the community.

Lease – No trace can be found of the original lease going back many decades. The current lease has been in place for about 10 years but needs updating to include all current facilities. The negotiations had become protracted and no progress has been made for some time. It was agreed that the locum clerk will look at the paperwork and work with the tennis club to agree the terms of a new lease for approval by the Recreation Committee. An update on progress will be made at the next meeting.

Lights – The current lights are 25 years old and need replacement. Planning permission has been given for new lights, however funding would be via grant that cannot be approved until the lease is approved. Planning approved until 2014.

Health & Safety Issues – the run-off area in the hard courts is not up to minimum standard and need to be extended by 1 metre.

Thanks were expressed for the presentation.

It was noted that in the absence of any formal lease all the facilities would revert back to the Parish Council

It was proposed that Cllr Jordan and the Locum Clerk would work with the Tennis Club on these issues. The first step would be to agree the lease and the clerk will work with the Tennis club to resolve any outstanding issues and then get the lease approved in an exempt session of the Recreation Committee. This was likely to be the 5th November meeting unless serious issues are identified.

40/12 DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS

Phase 2 of the Play park

It was noted that the recreation committee had already approved this project and the full Council had agreed the project can commence at the meeting on Tuesday 28th August 2012. The task was therefore to take the project forward. It was proposed that a working party be established to revisit the tendering process, and recommend whether a further tender exercise was necessary. Cllr Robinson felt that three quotes should be obtained as the original tender was well over a year ago and some changes may be made. It was agreed that Cllr Tough & Cllr Robinson would form the working party and report back to the November meeting with a timeframe and proposals. It was also agreed that the two mothers that participated before be asked to join the working party. Representatives of the Football Club asked that a site visit be undertaken before a final decision is taken to ensure there is no impact on the pitches.

Skate Park refurbishment

The full council had established a working party of Cllr Croucher, Cllr Tough, Cllr Jordan and Mr Young to make recommendations. The recreation committee will continue to be kept informed of developments but the project would be overseen by the Full Council.

41/12 REPORT FROM TONY RUDGARD

It was reported that East Hants has 4 representatives at the Paralympic games, one from Bohunt school.

42/12 CONSIDERATION OF ALLOTMENT RENTS 2013

It was noted that rents for allotments are increased annually and that allotment holders are entitled to one year's notice. It was therefore necessary to consider agree the increase from October 2013. It was noted that the CPI inflationary increase for April 2012 was 3%. The view of the committee was that there should be an increase of 5% Proposed Cllr Robinson, Seconded Cllr Tough. Vote unanimously approved.

43/12 REVIEW OF THE OUTCOME OF THE ANNUAL VISIT

Memorial Recreation Ground

Provision of a Youth Shelter – it was decided not to pursue at the present time

Replacement of the Goal outside the fenced Pitch – Agreed to look into this with Mr Terry and come back to the next meeting with some proposals.

Children's Play Area – There was some wear and tear that needed reseeding.

Area Outside Pavilion and along South Boundary – Area to be cleared and old equipment sold for scrap value.

Gap in Fence following Fallen Tree – Work now completed.

State of Hedging – Need to develop a policy covering height of the hedging

Radford Park

Noted that the work will commence shortly on the reinstatement of steps.

Other areas were subject to a policy review about how the Council manages the area going forward. Cllr Robinson requested that the report produced several years ago that outlined steps to improve the area be brought to the next meeting. This proposal was agreed.

Other aspects of the annual visit were picked up under specific agenda items.

44/12 RADFORD PARK STEPS PROJECT

Cllr Robinson advised that the previous goal posts had been set on fire and new arrangements were needed to keep the new posts secure. The lockable storage would take the form of a container. Other options had been considered and ruled out. The area identified for this storage was behind the football pavilion, although access to site the container would be technically difficult. The container would be about 20ft x 6 ft. and be sited about 6 ft away from the building. Planning permission would not be necessary as long as the Parish Council gave permission for the siting of the container.

It was proposed that the council approve the positioning of a 20ft container at land behind the pavilion funded by the football club. Any damage would be covered and rectified by the Football club. The Football club would need to find somebody who was able to site the container.

It was agreed that the Council would write to the football club approving the siting of the container subject to the conditions above and that they were responsible for its removal if circumstances change. The Football club will look into the feasibility of undertaking the work and report back to the next meeting.

45/12 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Motion: "In accordance with the provisions of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted"

Proposed Cllr Jordan Seconded Cllr Tough Unanimously approved.