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RECREATION COMMITTEE

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL AT THE
NEXT MEETING ON 3rd FEBRUARY 2014**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 7.30
PM IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK ON
MONDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2013**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr P Robinson - Chairman
Cllr J Kirby
Cllr P Jordan
Cllr J Poole
Cllr E Trotter
Mr Rudgard
Mr P Stanley - Clerk

Brian Knight & two members of the public were also in attendance

72/13 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The arrangements for fire exits and mobile phones were explained.

73/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr R Evans, Cllr J Ives

74/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

75/13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 7th October 2013 were unanimously approved.

76/13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Minute 70/13 Reports – Thanks were expressed to the Ground staff for all their work following the recent high winds where six trees were lost.

77/13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

The meeting was adjourned.

Public Questions not on the Agenda

None

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A question by Mr Hall would be taken when considering the item on Dog Control Orders.

The meeting was reconvened.

78/13 BOHUNT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES & FACILITIES

Mr Knight from Bohunt School was in attendance. He gave some background to the school sporting facilities and an outline of the facilities available. The school was built in 1978 by Hampshire County Council (HCC) to be a school and community facility. At first it was supported by funding from both HCC and East Hants District Council (EHDC). The funding had now cease from HCC and halved from EHDC. The school has invested considerable funds into its sports facilities which includes a large outdoor area for football, cricket, athletics & Rugby and had floodlighting. Indoor facilities are available for gymnastics, netball, basketball and many other activities.

It was confirmed following a question from Cllr Robinson that there was far less adult education now undertaken due to a removal of HCC funding and the difficulty getting tutors.

The possible use of the Millennium Centre for Table Tennis was discussed as this was now not done at Bohunt School. Mr Knight stated they would prefer to offer table tennis at the school but accepted that the LMC may be used for this. Storage of the tables was an issue for the school and possibly for the LMC as well.

Mr Rudgard suggested that the school should hold an open day and provided some suggestions of how that might be operated. Mr Knight felt that the last event a few years ago had not been well attended even though it had been well publicised. However, it was felt that with new people in the area it may be possible to operate a successful event.

The possibility of having an annual meeting with sports providers in the area was discussed. This could involve the Parish Council, Bohunt School and local club representatives and the U3A. This was considered to be a good proposal as long as it was a positive meeting rather than a forum to raise complaints.

In response to a question from Councillors, Mr Knight advised that the proposed new footpath would only be used by the school and only at times of the day when teachers are moving pupils to use the facilities.

Mr Knight confirmed that the school had been involved in discussions about running the allotments but that no decisions had been taken at this point.

79/13 REPORTS

Parish Council Sports Representative – Mr Rudgard

Mr Rudgard's report had been circulated as part of item 78/13 above and part of his report had been considered during that item. Mr Rudgard gave an update on the various sporting activities in the area and the committee thanked him for his usual thorough report.

Skate Park Working Party

It was reported that the existing Skate Park had now been fixed and was now reopened for use. In the absence of Cllr Ives no further report was made.

Radford Park Working Party

Cllr Jordan gave an update on the work of the working party which had been very active. There are some short term projects to be undertaken on the top part of Radford Park and longer term aims for the lower water meadows. An application had been made for the management of 100 trees in the park. This will allow the opening-up of certain areas in the park. The first area to be given attention will be in the top park by the stepping stones. A volunteer group will be clearing this area on 11th January 2014 and publicity will be given to this activity via Talk Back and the Parish Website. A beach area by the river will also be constructed in 2014.

Grounds Staff Report

There was no report as the Head Grounds Man was not present.

80/13 DOG CONTROL ORDERS

It was acknowledged that there had been a considerable delay in progressing the Dog Control Orders, but the Council were now planning to finalise the implementation as soon as possible. A meeting was scheduled with Mr Griffiths, the Dog Control Warden at EHDC on 23rd December to obtain further guidance on the completion and policing of the orders. The Dog Control Orders will cover the WM Recreation Ground and the Millennium Centre Village Green but not Radford Park.

Mr Hall advised the committee of an incident that had occurred over the weekend. A dog had run onto the football pitch and left a mess that the owner then had to clear up when the match was still playing. She had been challenged by several people but advised that as there were no signs about control orders, the dog was entitled to run freely. It was important that the signage for the dog control orders be put in place asap to avoid a repeat of this incident.

The question of toilet facilities in the WM Recreation Ground was raised. It was agreed that ownership of the toilet attached to the Pavilion be established and a price obtained for repair if it is a Parish Council responsibility.

81/13 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 Kirby, unanimously approved.