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RECREATION COMMITTEE

**THESE ARE DRAFT MINUTES AND ARE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL
AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT
7.30PM IN THE CANADA ROOM, THE MILLENNIUM HALL,
ONTARIO WAY, LIPHOOK ON MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020.**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Trotter – Chair
Cllr Coyte
Cllr D. Curnow-Ford
Cllr Hall
Cllr Mitchell
Cllr Olson

Mr P. Stanley – Executive Officer
Mr D. Cornish – Grounds Manager
Mrs N. Sosin – Senior Administration Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Kirby - Chair of Council, Cllr Jerrard, 1 member of the press, and 7 members of the public.

01/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The arrangements for fire exits and mobile phones were explained.

02/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

03/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Olson declared an interest in item 11 due to being an allotment holder.

04/20 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Olson Seconded Cllr Mitchell All agreed.

05/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

06/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting adjourned

Public questions - Items not on the agenda

A member of the public queried what is happening in Radford Park and why so many trees were being taken down by the Parish Council staff. Cllr Olson explained that this was part of a management plan for the park and that there was also a tree survey planned for later this year which would look at the trees from a Health and Safety perspective.

Another member of the public spoke about how pleased he was with the work that was being undertaken in the park and it appeared to be going back to how it looked when it was first established.

Public questions – items on the agenda

Cllr Jerrard raised the issue of anti-social behaviour at Fletchers Field.

A member of the public raised the issue of graffiti on the wall of the Bowls club.

07/20 REPORTS

GROUNDS MANAGER

The Grounds Manager read his report to the meeting. He advised that he was obtaining quotes for dredging the pond at Radford Park due to Health and Safety concerns around the volume of silt in there now and also the effect it could have on the wildlife.

08/20 FOREST SCHOOL – ADDITIONAL SESSIONS

The applicant explained that she wished to hold children's parties in addition to the regular sessions that she runs. This was therefore just a small extension to her original business plan. Cllr Trotter asked whether there would be an increased need for parking. This was not considered to be an issue. Cllr Olson asked about the age range of children involved. It was explained that the children would mainly be primary school age so four to eleven.

It was agreed that the additional sessions could go ahead.

Proposed: Cllr Olson Seconded: Cllr Hall

09/20 LIPHOOK CARNIVAL BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

Cllr Trotter was keen that if the request was agreed members of the public were restricted to standing on the paved, car park area. Cllr Coyte stressed that the area would

need to be cordoned off and access limited to prevent the public from walking on to the football pitch especially if the ground was wet. It was agreed that there would need to be a liaison meeting arranged to work out the best way to do this.

Councillors agreed that holding the firework display at the War Memorial Recreation Ground was a good idea as it would allow the Carnival marshalls to open Tower Road, Headley Road and a section of London Road to traffic earlier which would be a popular decision with residents.

Councillors were happy to agree the request provided that there was no bonfire at the Recreation Ground and that the area the public could access was restricted to prevent access to the football pitches.

Proposed: Cllr Hall Seconded: Cllr D. Curnow-Ford All agreed

10/20 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT FLETCHERS FIELD

Cllr Coyte explained the background to the issue. The warden and residents of Fletchers Field and also Liphook in Bloom are all unhappy with the current situation. Cllrs Kirby, Cllr Coyte and the Grounds Manager met with members of Liphook in Bloom to discuss possible solutions. It was suggested that reducing the height of the hedge bordering the Portsmouth Road to about four feet (chest height) might help by allowing anti-social behaviour to be more easily observed by members of the public. Reducing the height of the hedge would also mean that it would thicken up. This solution was agreed to be a good place to start as if it didn't work it was an inexpensive solution. Removing the hedge completely was considered to be a bad idea as it would encourage use of the area as a 'cut through'.

The Grounds Manager advised the Committee that Liphook in Bloom had volunteered to help him cut down the hedge and dispose of the cuttings.

Cllr Mitchell expressed concern about the number of people hanging around taking drugs wherever there is a bench or seating. She suggested removing the bench at Fletchers Field to deter this type of activity. It was agreed that this could be considered if lowering the hedge did not work. Cllr Coyte urged everyone to ensure they called 101 and reported these instances of drug taking as it helps the Police to build a picture of where to target resources with regards to the anti-social behaviour.

Cllr Jerrard recently attended the CTCG meeting with Cllr Coyte and confirmed that the number of reported instances of a particular problem is what triggers police action.

11/20 ALLOTMENT RENT REVIEW

A discussion took place regarding the cost of the allotments and whether to increase the rent. It was decided to increase rent with effect from next year commencing October 1st 2021.

New rates would be:

Full Plot: £50 Half Plot: £30 Quarter Plot: £15.00

Proposed: Cllr Coyte Seconded: Cllr Hall All agreed

12/20 FOOTBALL PITCH SAFETY NETTING

Cllr D. Curnow-Ford explained the history to the recommendation of the Working Party. The Working Party had met and the recommendation was now that permanent netting was installed at the young children's play park.

i The recommendations were considered

ii Contractor C which was Steelway Fensecure was awarded the contract at a cost of £3299.12 + vat.

iii It was agreed that the council be asked at the February meeting to meet this cost from Capital Reserves. The Executive Officer will approach the District Councillors concerning grant support as they had indicated that some assistance may be possible.

Proposed: Cllr Olson Seconded: Cllr Mitchell All agreed

13/20 DRAWINGS FOR NEW BUILDING AT WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Coyte pointed out that the pitched roof on the plans was running the opposite way to how it currently runs. This could increase the cost of the work.

Councillors agreed to proceed with the plans as they currently were and then tweak requirements as necessary once the price has been received.

Proposed: Cllr Olson Seconded: Cllr Hall All agreed

14/20 TREE SURVEY

Councillors discussed the quotes that had been received. Cllr Coyte explained that the survey was required from a Health and Safety perspective.

It was agreed to award the contract to contractor C however Cllr Mitchell abstained from the vote as she felt that she could not make a decision without more information particularly references and examples of work.

Councillors agreed to award the contract to contractor C which was ACD Environmental at a cost of £5775 + vat subject to satisfactory references.

Proposed: Cllr Hall Seconded: Cllr D. Curnow-Ford 1 absention – Cllr Mitchell

15/20 TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE RECREATION GROUND FORMER WILLOWS BUILDING

The Terms of Reference, attached to the agenda, were agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Coyte Seconded: Cllr Hall All agreed

Meeting closed 9.04pm