



# BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL

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## RECREATION COMMITTEE

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

**A REMOTE MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK  
PLACE AT 7.30PM ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2020.**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Cllr Trotter – Chair  
Cllr Coyte  
Cllr D. Curnow-Ford  
Cllr Hall  
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 and 2 members of the public.

### **16/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **17/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr V. Mitchell.

**18/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Olson declared an interest in item 13 due to being an allotment holder.

**19/20 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February were approved.

**Proposed: Cllr Trotter**

**Seconded Cllr D. Curnow-Ford All agreed.**

**20/20 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There were no matters arising.

**21/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION**

Meeting adjourned

Public questions - Items not on the agenda

**None**

Public questions – items on the agenda

**None**

**22/20 REPORTS**

**GROUNDS MANAGER**

The Grounds Manager read his report to the meeting. There followed a discussion about the tractor. The mechanic has been out many times and still cannot locate the fault. It also regularly seems under-powered. The Grounds Manager feels it has not worked properly from the very beginning. It was suggested that the faults and call outs should be catalogued and the Grounds Manager replied that this was already happening. It was decided that the Grounds Manager would engage with the manufacturer, Kyoti, directly and then report back on any progress at the next meeting.

**RADFORD PARK STRATEGY**

Cllr Coyte provided a verbal report to the meeting explaining that since the last report made at the Parish Council meeting there had not been any change to the situation.

**23/20 MEMORIAL AT RADFORD PARK**

Research had been undertaken by a group of Councillors to introduce a policy for benches at Radford Park. Cllrs Coyte, Kirby and D. Curnow-Ford plus the Grounds Manager will continue their research and come up with 3-4 options for styles of benches which could be presented at the next Parish Council meeting for approval. This could then be brought back to the next Recreation meeting in August.

It was suggested that agreement in principal could be given to the requests to site memorial benches in the park but with an explanation that this was only preliminary approval subject to a policy being adopted by the Council at the next Council meeting.

**Decision: All agreed**

**24/20 CHESTNUT FENCING AT MARSHES HOLLOW**

The Grounds Manager explained that the site, at the far end of Radford Park, is very inaccessible. There are three different ways to approach the area but all have difficulties and involve carrying equipment that is very heavy a reasonable distance.

Cllr Coyte suggested that he meet with the landowner who is requesting the fence is replaced. The Grounds Manager was happy to attend the meeting too. If a solution cannot be reached in this way then a contractor may have to be employed to see if they can overcome the access problem.

**25/20 NEW BUILDING AT RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr Kirby reported to the meeting that there has been no change in the situation but this item should be added to the next agenda.

**26/20 CONDITION OF PITCHES AT WAR MEMORIAL RECREATION GROUND**

The Grounds Manager explained that the main pitch had become quite damaged due to being used during the very wet weather even though some games had been cancelled.

The pitch needs to be over seeded but he feels that to bring it up to standard it probably needs quite a lot of money spent on it. Cllr Olson reported that she had been approached by members of the football club who are unhappy with the condition of the pitch and feel it should be better maintained. The Grounds Manager feels that the verti drain work should be undertaken on a six monthly basis. Cllr Coyte suggested a plan should be developed for maintenance of the pitches. The Grounds Manager will put one together to bring to the next meeting for consideration.

**27/20 DUGOUTS AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Grounds Manager explained that the league which the football club are in dictates what facilities they need to provide and this is why the dug outs were needed. The main problem is where they are stored so that they cannot be used out of hours.

The football club are waiting for the Council to advise where they can be stored. It has been suggested that they are sited 'side by side' so that they are not so enclosed and therefore not as attractive for sheltering from wind and rain. The suggestion to concrete them in was rejected as this would not be allowed under the licence agreement held between the club and the Council although details of this will be confirmed.

Cllr Olson was concerned about the anti social behaviour that goes on until late at night including littering, offensive language and urinating into the gardens adjacent to the park. She has called the Police on 101 numerous times and she urged other councillors to do the same. Cllr Coyte has an email address that can be used to report issues and will circulate it to all Councillors.

Cllr D. Curnow-Ford suggested the club is requested to put the dug-outs away until the football season starts again. The Grounds Manager will meet with the club to discuss a way forward.

**28/20 GATE AT THE ALLOTMENT**

NS explained that the gate has been damaged and is in a poor state of repair. It had also resulted in a plot holder injuring his hand last year on some protruding sharp metal. The Grounds Manager suggested the gate is replaced with a metal version so that it did not require regular maintenance and will also be stronger. He will obtain quotes and bring these to the next meeting for consideration. The quotes should include the cost of fitting. Councillors were happy to agree the replacement of the gate.

**Decision: Replacement gate at allotment approved**

**Proposed: Cllr Trotter      Seconded: Cllr Hall**

**29/20 SKATEPARK**

Councillors considered whether to open the skatepark. A vote was taken and there were four Councillors in favour and 1 abstention

**Proposed: Cllr Hall    Seconded: D. Curnow-Ford**

**30/20 PARISH TREE SURVEY**

The tree survey findings were discussed and it was noted that there are a considerable number of trees that require work. However, some of this work could be undertaken by the Grounds staff.

The Grounds Manager has already gone through the reports and highlighted all the work that needs to be done within the next year. He feels that at least half of the trees that require felling can be done 'in house' by the team. Trees which require 'dead wooding' are more difficult as these generally require a degree of climbing so they would need to be left to professionals.

Cllr D. Curnow-Ford is keen that we explain to the general public what is planned and why the work is required.

It was pointed out that two trees on the report were not on Council land but would have an impact if they fell so the owners would need to be contacted.

Councillors were in agreement that we should go ahead and obtain quotes for all the trees requiring work that cannot be undertaken by the grounds staff. The EO will look at the budget

Meeting closed: 9.10pm