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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
7.30 PM ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE LIPHOOK
MILLENNIUM CENTRE

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Cllr Trotter – Chair
Cllr Coyte
Cllr D Curnow-Ford
Cllr Garnett
Cllr Hall
Cllr Olson
Mr P. Stanley – Executive Officer

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Cllr Kirby and two member of the public were in attendance.

01/22 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The chairman stated the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

02/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None, all councillors were in attendance.

03/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

04/22 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2021 were approved with the following amendment.

Minute 77/21, second paragraph to read “It was agreed by majority vote to request funding from Council from CIL Neighbourhood Portion”

Proposed Cllr Coyte, Seconded Cllr Hall, all in favour.

05/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

06/22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

Meeting adjourned

Public questions - Items not on the agenda

None

Public questions – items on the agenda

None

07/22 GROUNDS MANAGERS REPORT

The Grounds Manager presented his report which had been circulated with the agenda. He confirmed that the timber uprights on the nest swing and the flat swing in the play area had now been replaced and all play equipment was now up and running.

Approval had now been received from EHDC to proceed with the planned tree work at Radford Park and the work will commence shortly. Signs will be put in place to warn the public that the work is being carried-out.

A number of football matches had been cancelled due to waterlogged pitches at the Recreation Ground. It was felt that some work is required to improve the drainage which will be considered as part of the Capital Programme.

It was noted that the COPSE planting at Fletchers Field will take place on 23rd February.

08/22 FOOTBALL CLUB

Liphook United Football Club had requested that a number of items be considered. A representative from the club was in attendance at the meeting to answer questions and provide some background.

A request was made to move the football dugouts to the opposite side of the pitch to give them protection from the elements. It was further requested that they are permanently fixed in position by way of a concrete base. Councillors considered this request. There was some concern about blocking visibility of the pitch, particularly for the disabled area. It was agreed that the club undertake a trial by moving the dugouts,

but not to fix them permanently in position. Feedback can then be given at the next Recreation meeting in April for a final decision.

The club also enquired about the use of portable floodlights should they be able to provide them some time in the future. The potential problems of light pollution and the possible need for planning permission were raised. It was noted that the tennis club regularly use flood lighting in the area without any concerns from local residents. The council will consider this request once the club were in a position to provide such a provision and the specifications of the equipment were known.

A final request was for permission to store moveable goal posts securely in the area by the tractor shed. It was felt the best place to store them is behind the green waste bin and this was approved.

09/22 MEMORIAL TREE

A request was considered to plant a memorial tree at Radford Park. The Grounds Manager confirmed that he was happy with the proposed location and that the tree would be a Crimson King Maple (Red). Councillors considered whether a policy for memorial trees was needed but agreed to monitor the number of requests to decide whether it was necessary. The responsibility for the tree will be with the council through the Ground Manager and the sponsor of the tree had agreed to maintain the tree until mature.

It was agreed to allow the planting of a memorial tree, which should not be used as a shrine.

Proposed Cllr Hall, Seconded Cllr Coyte, all in favour.

10/22 RADFORD PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKING PARTY

It was reported that no meetings had taken place since the last Recreation Committee. A meeting was needed to update the existing plan which was 15 years old and incorporate the Strategy Document recently approved.

A meeting of the working party was agreed to be held on 4th March at 11.30 am.

11/22 LITTLE REC WORKING PARTY

The committee considered the draft terms of reference for the newly established working party looking at the future use and facilities at the Jubilee Recreation Ground, known as the Little Rec. It was agreed that the TOR be approved subject to additional wording at the end of paragraph 4 to read “for the use of the land” (**Attachment 1**)

Proposed Cllr Garnett, Seconded Cllr Hall, all in favour

12/22 SIGNAGE

Councillors considered the proposed new signs and were generally in agreement with the wording and design. A budget of £5,000 had been agreed by the Council to fund the signage. Although it was noted that some signage is fairly urgent, it was felt important to get the best use of the available funds. In view of the work being undertaken by the Communications Working Party and the potential for a new council logo, it was agreed to defer any decision on the purchase of the signs. The Communications Working Party

will look at the signs design, colour and logo and make a recommendation to the next Recreation Committee in April. The signs will then be approved at the April Council meeting.

13/22 HEDGE AT RECREATION GROUND

The Recreation committee had previously agreed to remove the hedge by the tennis courts at the Recreation Ground. It was planned for this to be undertaken by the grounds team at no cost to the council. However, the scale of the job requires the use of an external tree surgeon and an estimate for the work was considered. The cost of the work would be approximately £3,900 and as the Recreation Committee did not have a budget for the work, it was agreed not to remove the hedge at this time.

14/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The committee noted that the following projects had been approved by the Council.

1. Removal of rubbish and preparation for hard standing at the old compound, Radford Park.
2. Drainage at the Radford Park Car Park.
3. Removal of rotting wood support and replacement with harder wearing material at the amphitheatre.
4. The replacement of the sleeper bridge at Radford Park.

In addition, consideration was given to other proposed projects and a priority given to them.

1. Drainage at the Recreation Ground.
2. Improvements to footpaths at Radford Park.
3. Board Walk Access off Locke Road.
4. Radford Park Compound Building.
5. Replacement Play Equipment or Outdoor Gym.

Some remedial work may be possible from the Revenue budget for general maintenance and upkeep of footpaths and drainage.

Meeting closed: 9.13 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: