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RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 8th April 2024, 7.30pm at the Liphook Millennium Centre

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees: Cllr E Trotter (Chairman)
Cllr D Curnow-Ford
Cllr R Ireland
Cllr V Tang

Also present: Jane Sawyer, Parish Clerk/RFO
Dugg Budd, Grounds Manager
3 members of the public present

R24.100 Chairman's Announcements: The Chairman reminded everyone present about fire exits and that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes.

R24.101 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Coyte, Cllr Olson.

R24.102 Disclosure of Interests: Cllr Tang declared a personal interest as Vice Chairman of Liphook Football Club.

R24.103 Approval of Minutes: It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 4th December 23. **Proposed: Cllr Trotter. Seconded: Cllr Curnow-Ford.**

R24.104 Public participation: There were no public questions.

R24.105 Action List: The action list was noted.

R24.106 Report from Grounds Manager: The report was noted. In addition, the Grounds Manager reported that the tennis club pavilion was broken into at the weekend with damage caused inside and a fire set outside the building. This has been reported to the police.

R24.107 Radford Park pond & sluice gate: The report was noted. The Clerk will now seek quotations for a survey of the river and for cutting back trees around the pond.
Proposed: Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Trotter.

R24.108 Football Club dugouts: It was **RESOLVED** to decline the offer from Liphook Football Club as councillors were concerned about vandalism and costs. The football club will maintain responsibility for the dugouts.

Proposed: Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Ireland. Cllr Tang abstained from the vote.

R24.109 Football pitches: The Grounds Manager provided a verbal report on the pitches. He reported that there has been a lot of rain this season and the football club has had to cancel 14 weeks of games. Additionally, the drainage system has reached the end of its life cycle, and he would like to investigate costs for replacement. The drainage system worked excellently when it was first installed.

The football club have recently received a report which says that the pitches are suffering from overuse meaning the drainage system cannot work properly. Hampshire Premier League are considering excluding Liphook Football Club as the pitch isn't long enough and it cannot be turned (which would solve this issue) as the ground conditions are too poor.

The Committee agreed that the Grounds Manager should now seek quotes to improve or replace the drainage system and this would be brought back to a future meeting.

Proposed Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Trotter.

R24.110 Food van at Recreation Ground: It was **RESOLVED** to decline the provision of a food van at the weekends due to parking issues and loss of income to the football club.

Proposed: Cllr Tang. Seconded: Cllr D Curnow-Ford.

R24.111 Allotment plots: It was **RESOLVED** to split plot 16A into two half plots. It was additionally agreed to add an agenda item to the next meeting to discuss how plots should be split in the future to reduce the waiting list. **Proposed: Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Tang.**

R24.112 Radford Park Interpretation Boards: It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Alpha Graphics to provide interpretation boards in Radford Park at a cost of £3,349. This project is being funded from EHDC S106 developers' contributions. **Proposed: Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Trotter.**

R24.113 Green waste skip: It was **RESOLVED** to site a green waste skip at the allotments with allotment holders able to use the skip on a limited and fair use basis. This fair use will be reviewed, and the skip removed if this is not adhered to. **Proposed: Cllr Trotter. Seconded: Cllr Ireland.**

R24.114 Grounds machinery: It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full Council that a new tractor and ride-on mower are purchased using held Neighbourhood CIL funds with costs of up to £44,000. Both purchase and lease options should be investigated. The Clerk will add this to a Council meeting agenda. **Proposed: Cllr Curnow-Ford. Seconded: Cllr Trotter.**

R24.115 Date of next meeting: Monday 3rd June 2024 *(to be confirmed following Annual Meeting)*

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: