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Minutes of the **RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held in the Allnatt Pavilion on **TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Hanna; F Breedlove; R Hamblin; J Southgate.

IN ATTENDANCE: Philip Stoneman (Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES: Cllrs A Greenwood; L Wooldridge.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

3 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

3.1 (Item 4.4) The Clerk advised that he had made WBC aware of the problem with water ponding on large parts of the allotment garden and this was being investigated by WBC in order to identify options to resolve the problem.

3.2 (Item 4.8) The Clerk had been liaising with WBC, and the Solicitor acting on behalf of Winnersh Parish Council, to progress the surrender of the existing lease and the signing of the new lease.

3.3 (Item 6.2) The design and procurement of the replacement Outdoor Gym and safety surfacing on Bearwood Recreation had not yet commenced. The Clerk would be allocating time to progress the project in January/February. **ACTION: CLERK**

3.4 (Item 7.2) The Clerk had not yet arranged for the solar panels to be cleaned but would contact the company that had cleaned them previously. **ACTION: CLERK**

4 WINNERSH ALLOTMENTS UPDATE:

4.1 The Clerk gave an update, including that Thames Water had made the connection to the mains water supply and the standpipes around the allotment garden were now available for use. The Clerk was asked to write to the farmer to thank him for his support in providing a water supply since the allotment garden came in to use earlier in the year.

ACTION: CLERK

4.3 Following concerns from a local resident about an allotment holder regularly parking on the grass verge in Woodward Close, next to the pedestrian entrance, the committee questioned the need for the main (yellow) gate to the access road and asked the Clerk to investigate. If the locking and unlocking of the gate was discouraging use of the allotment car park, then this should be reviewed in consultation with WBC and the local farmer. **ACTION: CLERK**

4.5 Storage Containers: as discussed at the last Full Council meeting, WBC had agreed to make a payment to WPC of £30,000 in lieu of containers. This money would be earmarked specifically for works associated with the allotments. A sum of £5,000 had also been agreed as compensation incurred by WPC and allotment holders.

4.6 The Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Allotment Manager from Wokingham Town Council, to discuss issues including setting up an allotment association. Cllr Hanna advised that he was available during the day for such a meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

5 PUBLIC SESSION: There were no members of the public in attendance.

6 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT:

6.1 Cllr Hamblin gave an update on the success of the Christmas Lights event that had once again proved to be an enjoyable and well attended event.

6.2 The raffle had been very successful with raffle ticket having sold out. The raffle made £90 which Cllr Hamblin personally topped up to £150 (gift aided). The money and food donations were made to SHELTER as previously agreed.

6.3 The traders enjoyed being part of the event although a higher footfall in the Sindlesham Room would have helped with interest in the stalls and sales. Cllr Hamblin suggested that use of the Winnersh Hall would benefit the event and may encourage more traders, and would be included in the plan for later in the year.

6.4 Some negative feedback had been received from the community about fireworks and the need for them to be part of the event. The committee were content to explore alternative attractions, in place of fireworks, including a better lighting display, particularly in the trees.

6.5 The committee thanked Cllr Hamblin, and her husband, for all the work they had put into organising and making the event a success.

7 POCKET PARKS:

7.1 It was noted that the deadline for submitting applications for grant funding had passed but any suggested areas, including Meadow View that had been identified by Cllr Bray, should still be investigated for improvement by the appropriate organisation in liaison with land owners.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

- 8.1 The Committee noted the following correspondence that had been received:
- 8.2 Email from Quest TGO Ltd (9/12/19) regarding a potential CSR project at the Community Centre. Whilst their client had selected an alternative community facility with charitable status the WPC details would be retained for future consideration.
- 8.3 Email from WBC (14/11/2019) about plans for the annual litter picks on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th March.

WPC had selected Sunday 29th March and stocks of equipment and tabards would be reviewed and replenished as necessary.

9 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS:

- 9.1 Cllr Breedlove asked about progress on replacing the cladding to the community centre. The Clerk advised that despite several attempts to obtain the report from the Building Surveyor, this had not been received. It was agreed that if this was not forthcoming the Clerk would contact an alternative company to provide the service. **ACTION: CLERK**

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2020 at 19:45.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20:35.