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# MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2013 IN THE SINDLESHAM ROOM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs E Cooke (Chairman), D Green, I Shepherd-Dubey, J Southgate.

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk), Cllr R Holdstock, 2 members of the public.

#### 1 APOLOGIES

**1.1** Cllr F Breedlove.

## 2 PUBLIC SESSION

2.1 Two managers of Winnersh Rangers FC addressed the meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place regarding, amongst others, the state of the ground/drainage, parking, bookings, evening training, and future use of the field. Cllr Cooke thanked them for their attendance and for the opportunity to discuss various points of view.

(Two members of the public left the meeting.)

# 3 CLERK'S REPORT

#### **CLERK'S REPORT as at 2.4.13**

**Update on items since the meeting of 5.3.13** 

## Play Area/Recreation Ground

The play areas and field have flooded again. The Kompan Elements edge unit remains closed and fenced in. The order for replacement matting has been placed. Dry weather is needed to progress repairs and installations. Clearing of blocked drains has been undertaken and a report is awaited.

#### **Pavilion**

The Pavilion Café owners have indicated that they intend to cease their hire of the Pavilion facilities at the end of March 2013. They have started removing goods from the Pavilion.

#### **Pavilion House**

Dates for the building work repairs have been booked.

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### **Main Hall/Offices**

The new Relief Caretaker has started duties on Thursdays.

The electricians are to be recalled to view the security light systems.

PAT testing of Community Centre electrical items has been completed.

BT have repaired the fault on a telephone line to the Community Centre.

#### **Allotments**

The paperwork for the Land Registry lease has been sent away and confirmation of the Council's registration of the lease has been received.

All vacant allotment plots are allocated or under offer.

#### 4 MATTERS ARISING

**4.1** none

## 5 R & A BUDGET

# 5.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

**5.1.1** The Clerk presented a breakdown of the final 2012-13 figures.

The Committee noted the revised layout of the figures.

The Clerk will follow up the timescale for the repairs to the drainage manhole in the car park.

The Committee queried where the extra work to the allotments is being shown on the figures presented to F&GP.

ACTION Clerk / FAO

**5.1.2** The Clerk presented a breakdown of the initial 2013-14 figures.

The Committee discussed the play area inspection charges.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to go to bi-monthly play area inspections.

The Committee asked the Clerk to get a quotation for repairs to the play area.

**ACTION: Clerk** 

## 6 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

**6.1** none

# 7 ALLOTMENTS

- **7.1** The Committee **RESOLVED** that a 6 month rebate can be given to Mr Chase, who is giving up his plot.
- 7.2 The Committee confirmed that the Council will accept Ms Cannon-Hartnell's offer of chicken manure, on a trial basis. (see correspondence 11) ACTION: Clerk
- 7.3 Cllr Cooke and the Clerk will arrange to perform the spring allotment inspection.

**ACTION: Clerk & Cllr Cooke** 

7.4 The Clerk reported that the uncollected water keys are nearly all packaged up and will be presented to councillors for distribution.

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# 8 PAVILION HOUSE

8.1 The Clerk reported on the dates of the work confirmed with the builders. The Clerk was asked to consult with the builders over additional work requested by the caretaker. The Committee discussed options for accommodation during the work. The Clerk will gather further information.

# 9 R&A PROJECTS 2012-13

**9.1** S106 projects for 2012-13

The Clerk has placed the order for the external table tennis table. He reported that a prolonged period of dry weather is necessary to permit the heavy delivery vehicles onto the site.

**9.2** Kompan Elements matting repairs:

The order for the replacement matting has been placed. This requires dry weather before the work can go ahead. The contractors will do an investigatory dig next week to see whether the ground is dry enough for the work to begin.

**9.3** Community Centre Drains clearage:

The Clerk will enquire of the plans for the work to the car park manhole/drain.

**ACTION: Clerk** 

9.4 The external toilet is now open to the public.Cllr Cooke reported that the opening will be reported in the press in due course.

# 10 R&A PROJECTS 2013-14

**10.1** The Clerk reported on the work carried out to clear the surface water drains flowing into Mole Road.

The Committee asked the Clerk to make further investigations into options to improve the drainage of the play area and adjacent field. Also, to enquire of the possibility of clearing roots from the car park drains.

ACTION: Clerk

- 10.2 The Clerk reported that he expecting a detailed quotation for the final repairs to the Pavilion heating and shower system.
- 10.3 The Clerk reported that he will get a new contractor in to service the Main Hall boilers and quote for replacements.

He now has a second quotation for the replacement of the Main Hall alarm systems.

## 11 LITTER PICK 2013

11.1 Cllr Green reported that the Litter Pick of 24 March had to be cancelled because of the bad weather. The Committee discussed running an independent litter pick at a later date. Cllr Green will investigate the options available and report to Full Council.

**ACTION: Cllr Green** 

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## 12 CORRESPONDENCE

12.1 Item 3; the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept Pest UK's quotation for pest control at the allotments for 2013-14. ACTION: Clerk

Item 5; the Committee noted these comments.

#### 13 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

**13.1** none.

#### 14 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14.1 The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 7 May 2013** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

## **APPENDIX 1**

# Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 April 2013

- 1 Landscape & Amenity magazine, February/March 2013
- 2 Russell Play; introduction and catalogue
- 3 Pest UK; fees for pest control at allotments for 2013-14
- 4 ARD; February play area inspection report
- 5 Mr R Robins; comments re Bearwood Rec relative to other grounds
- 6 Mr Bunce; request for help with rubbish at allotment
- 7 ARD; fees for play area inspections for 2012-13
- 8 Land Registry; acknowledgement of receipt of registration papers
- 9 ARD; March play area inspection report
- 10 WBC; cancellation of Litter Pick, Saturday 23 March 2013
- 11 Ms E Cannon-Hartnell; offer of chicken manure for allotments
- 12 BT; investigating line fault

# Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 April 2013

- N1 WRFC; comments re facilities and bookings
- N2 Mr Chase; giving up plot 55
- N3 Land Registry; completion of registration of allotments
- N4 WBC; litter pick 2013

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