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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 5th MAY 2009 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Plant (Chairman), E Cooke, J Peffers, J Southgate, J Wakefield,
J Wilkins.

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 none

2 CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT as at 5.5.09

Update on items since meeting of 07.04.09

Play Area/Recreation Ground

WRFC used the car park on Wednesday 22 April, contrary to the agreement we have in place. Some of the cars were from visiting teams. The Clerk has written to WRFC insisting that matches are not played on Mondays and Wednesdays and warning WRFC over the future use of the car park in the evening. WRFC apologised. For WRFC formal response see Correspondence N7.

Main Hall/Offices

A third camera has failed. The Clerk has confirmed the replacement of all 4 cameras, as per Option 2 of Binfield Electrical's original quote. The installation is due to be completed Thursday 7 May 2009. Binfield Electrical have replaced the security lighting around the Community Hall.

Repairs to the gents toilets are complete.

The cold water tap in the office kitchen has been replaced. The thermostats on the 2 faulty upstairs radiators will be replaced once the central heating is off.

Yardley Builders have been in to look at repairs to the fascias on the Community Hall. The wood supporting the fascias is rotten. The roof is bowed. They suggest there may be a problem with the whole roof truss structure in the Hall. The Clerk has spoken to Mike Clough at WBC property Services and, upon his advice, has contacted Kenneth Paul Associates, who are due to visit on Thursday 7 May.

Allotments

The allotments will be reviewed on 6 May. Les Moody has confirmed that he will judge the allotments again this year. He will use Horticultural Society guidelines for judging half-plots. Dates for judging are Monday 22 June and Monday 27 July.

Pavilion

An electrical socket has been installed in the WRFC storeroom.

3 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1** The Clerk reported on discussions he had had with the WBC Licensing Department regarding a licence for the Community Centre to show films. The Centre would be eligible for a licence to show films, but would have to pay the £250 for a newspaper advertisement advertising this fact. Alternatively the Council could apply for a Temporary Events Notice for each day films were to be shown at a cost of £21 per day. Cllr Cooke reported that the Rainbow Centre was in the process of getting its own film licence and therefore was unlikely to require the use of the Community Centre. The Committee decided not to apply for a permanent licence and to use a TEN on the rare occasions when films are to be shown.

4 R & A BUDGET

4.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

The Clerk reported that no major expenditure had taken place. Nick Robins has started his spring trimming and seeding.

5 WORKS AND REPAIRS

- 5.1** The Clerk explained that during investigations into the repair of the Community Hall fascias some rotted trusses and some bowing to the roof had been found. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise a report on the roof by a structural engineer at a cost of £250. The Clerk will report directly to the Executive Committee if immediate repairs are deemed necessary.

The Clerk confirmed that contractors are booked for the floor reseal, electrical testing and external decoration, all to take place week commencing 27 July 2009.

5.2 Play Area Fencing

The Clerk reported that he had received verbal references for the Betta Group from WBC Property Services. He had also spoken to Jane Stevens at WBC Parks & Leisure Services regarding the siting of the adult exercise equipment and the replacement fencing. She recommends keeping the 2 play areas fenced off separately. She also recommends that for safety reasons the adult exercise equipment should be kept separate from the children's play equipment.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the Betta Group quotation for the replacement of the fencing. (see item 5.3 and Correspondence 15 of the April 2009 minutes)

The Committee discussed the siting of the gates on the new fencing, particularly whether it is practical to install one gate directly opposite the gate to the new play area. Cllrs Plant, Wakefield and Southgate will meet to discuss the siting of the gates. The Clerk will invite a representative of the Betta Group to attend this site meeting.

ACTION: Cllrs Plant, Wakefield, Southgate; ACTION: Clerk

- 5.3 The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation of £664 + vat to replace the buffer machine for the Community Hall. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise the purchase of the buffer, the money to be taken from the R&A Miscellaneous budget.

ACTION: Clerk

6 ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

- 6.1 Cllrs Southgate, Wakefield and Plant presented a draft document to the Committee containing Winnersh Parish Council's proposal for the installation of Outdoor Gym Equipment at Bearwood Recreation Ground. The Committee discussed the document. The Committee **RESOLVED** to submit the document to Wendy Crosson-Smith of Wokingham Borough Council to support its application for funding for this project.

7 WBC LITTER PICK

- 7.1 The Committee discussed the WBC litter pick of 26 April. It was pleasing to see the children of the Junior Wardens and the 2nd Winnersh Brownies giving their support. Winnersh received good press coverage. The Clerk has written to Sainsbury's to thank them for the use of their car park and the refreshments they provided. The Committee thanked the Clerk for organising the Winnersh section of the litter pick.

8 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- 8.1 none.

9 CORRESPONDENCE (see Appendix 1)

9.1 Item N6; Ceroc's Hiring Fees

The Committee discussed Ceroc's letter and statistics regarding their usage of the Community Hall. The Committee noted that attendance figures were slightly down for 2009 and that the use of the Bar area was probably not as great as had been thought. The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to charge Ceroc £80 per evening, this change to be backdated to April 2009. The Clerk will inform Ceroc and ask them to continue tendering attendance statistics. The Committee will review usage and wear and tear after the Summer break. The Committee will continue to assess Ceroc's charges at the annual price review.

ACTION: Clerk

The Committee discussed the wear and tear on the Hall floor and **RESOLVED**, for a trial period, to reseal the floor twice in the next financial year. The Clerk will arrange this for April and October 2010. Along with the reseal in July 2009 this will give the Council the opportunity to assess the effectiveness of 6-monthly reseals.

Item N7; WRFC

The Committee noted the WRFC response to the problems of evening parking at the Recreation Ground. The Committee noted that WRFC pays significantly less for the hire of the field for evening training than the regular hirers are paying for use of the hall. The Committee does not propose to change its restrictions on parking for WRFC. The Clerk will write to WRFC confirming the significant recent improvement in WRFC's parking and that the Council hopes that this will be maintained.

ACTION: Clerk

10 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

10.1 The Committee discussed the broken basketball nets on the grass by Mole Road. Cllr Wakefield will make enquiries as to whether it is worth moving the posts onto one of the hard-core areas.

ACTION: Cllr Wakefield

10.2 Cllr Southgate reported on a discussion he had had with a local resident regarding the use of the Council facilities by local disadvantaged children and the problems faced by them in gaining access to the field on Saturdays when WRFC are playing.

10.3 The Clerk confirmed that the next WBC Mayor had been invited to switch on the Christmas Lights.

11 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 2nd June 2009** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

The meeting finished at 8.56p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 5 May 2009

- 1 Berkshire Pest Control, baiting update, April 2009
- 2 Riverstar Contractors, roofing leaflet
- 3 Kompan seminar programme
- 4 Bondright Roofing Services, introductory letter
- 5 BALC, Oxfordshire Playing Fields Training Events 2009
- 6 Coventry Catering; introductory letter
- 7 Prue Bray; reporting blockage of ditch in Arbor Lane

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 5 May 2009

- N1 Sovereign Home Improvements; request to become an approved contractor
- N2 ARD; April 2009 playground inspection report
- N3 Bondright Roofing; introductory letter
- N4 Kompan; brochure
- N5 Landscape & Amenity magazine; April 2009
- N6 Ceroc; attendance statistics and response to price increase
- N7 WRFC; response to Wednesday parking problems