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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 2nd JUNE 2009 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

1 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

1.1 Cllr Plant **PROPOSED** and Cllr Cooke **SECONDED** and the meeting **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Wakefield as Vice-Chairman of the R&A Committee.

2 APOLOGIES

2.1 Cllr J Wilkins

3 CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT as at 2.6.09

Update on items since the meeting of 05.05.09

Play Area/Recreation Ground

The Clerk has replied to WRFC regarding car parking on weekday evenings. The situation has significantly improved although there is still some unauthorised WRFC parking.

Betta Fencing visited the site on Friday 29 May and the order to replace the wooden fencing and gates with metal fencing and gates has been placed with them.

Nick Robins has measured the field today to establish whether it is possible to fit the 3 large pitches requested by WRFC onto the field. If so, then an extra set of posts and nets will be needed. A review of WRFC charges for 2009/10 is needed. WRFC have not been available to discuss this recently.

Nick Robins reports that it may be possible to fit 3 adult pitches on the field, but only if 2 of them are the minimum 90 metres long. This will mean extending the pitch nearest to the Community Hall towards the car park and putting the third pitch parallel to Bearwood Road so that the Mole Road goalmouth is in the lowest lying (wettest) part of the field. Committee discussed the problems faced, particularly since the Adult Exercise equipment is earmarked for the area between the current football pitch and the car park and a car park extension is also proposed. The Clerk will ask Nick Robins to measure and temporarily mark the limits of the 3 pitches, so that we know exactly where the pitches would go. The Committee decided in principle that it would be better to offer 2 adult pitches to WRFC. **ACTION: Clerk**

Main Hall/Offices

The Clerk has chased Binfield Electrical over the delay in replacing the CCTV cameras. Binfield Electrical apologise, they have had difficulties with a sub-contractor. The next date for completion of the CCTV system is Wednesday 17 June. The police have been supplied with a copy of CCTV footage relating to an incident in the car park on Saturday 2 May 2009. Woodley Sequence Dance complained about the poor state of the Hall floor for their booking last weekend. The Clerk has apologised and given details of the proposed remedial work on the floor. The Clerk has given the organisation the option to cancel its next booking and return the deposit if they still consider the floor to be unsuitable after the next re-seal. The Clerk has spoken to Alan Bell and has provisionally booked dates in April and November 2010 for floor re-seals.

Allotments

The allotments have been reviewed. They are generally well tended. The Clerk is to contact 3 allotment holders whose plots require attention.

4 MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1** The Clerk confirmed that Ceroc had passed on their thanks for the revision of their charges which the Committee had approved last month.
- 4.2** The Clerk reported that bookings for the rest of the year had slowed down. One potential hirer had asked whether it was possible to set off some fireworks for the children. The Committee decided that it would be possible provided that the hirer gave assurances that it was a small display, to be properly supervised and that the used fireworks would be collected from the field the following morning.

5 R & A BUDGET

5.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

The Clerk reported that the calculations for the new fencing were based on a 'per metre' quotation. He will check that the figures are correct. **ACTION: Clerk**

6 WORKS AND REPAIRS

- 6.1** The Clerk reported that he had just received the results of the structural engineer's initial survey of the roof. The north gable end is affected by dry rot. The first stage of repairs is to find out whether the south gable is also affected. Once this is ascertained then repairs for the dry rot can be costed and implemented. The Clerk will get a quote from a builder to do the survey of the south gable as soon as possible and will report to Full Council. This survey is to be charged as an individual item. It is probable that repairs to the dry rot will be a major expense and quotations will be required. Whilst repairs to the roof are taking place the structural engineers will return to view the exposed sections of the roof in order to gain a clearer picture of the problem with the roof trusses. **ACTION: Clerk**

7 ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

- 7.1** Cllrs Southgate reported that he had spoken to Wendy Crosson-Smith about WBC funding for the adult exercise equipment, but WBC are not able to make a decision yet.
- 7.2** The Committee agreed to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council the release of up to £9000 in order to go ahead with the adult exercise equipment as soon as confirmation of the WBC funding is received.

8 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- 8.1** none.

9 CORRESPONDENCE (see Appendix 1)

9.1 Item 1

The Committee considered the Woodley Young People's Resource Centre's request for an allotment. The Clerk was asked to reply that all our allotments are taken and that we have a long waiting list. The Centre is free to help individual allotment holders if requested. The Clerk will also ask whether they have approached Woodley TC for an allotment. **ACTION: Clerk**

9.2 Item N1

The Committee considered the RecordRSS Customer Satisfaction survey. The Committee was happy with the service provided by RecordRSS when it installed the new play area and authorised the Clerk and Cllr Plant to complete the survey to reflect this opinion. **ACTION: Cllr Plant, Clerk**

9.3 Item N4

The Committee discussed Dimensions' request to use the Recreation Ground for a festival. The field is booked for the date requested but the Committee would consider a request for another date. **ACTION: Clerk**

10 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

- 10.1** The Committee requested the Clerk to buy a new clock for the John Grobler Room.
ACTION: Clerk
- 10.2** The basketball boards are disintegrating. The Committee asked the Clerk to get a quote to replace the boards.
ACTION: Clerk
- 10.3** The Committee discussed improvements to the old play area. The Clerk will get quotes to lay further grassmat within the play area to link the separate pieces of equipment.
ACTION: Clerk
- 10.4** The Committee asked the Clerk to get a quote to make minor repairs to the pavilion fencing and to treat it with wood preserver.
ACTION: Clerk

11 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 11.1** The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 7th July 2009** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

The meeting finished at 8.55p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 June 2009

- 1 Paul Fuller of Young Peoples Resource Centre, Woodley: offer to help older people tend allotments; request for an allotment
- 2 Red Cross; reminder of First Aid at Work renewal for Alison Bennett

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 June 2009

- N1 Record RSS; Customer Satisfaction survey
- N2 Landscape & Amenity magazine, May 2009
- N3 Gopak product leaflet
- N4 Dimensions Ltd; request to hold a 'festival' on the Recreation Ground
- N5 Glasdon product leaflet