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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00 PM ON TUESDAY 2nd MARCH 2010 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr J Wakefield

2.1 CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT as at 2.3.10

Update on items since the meeting of 02.02.10

Play Area/Recreation Ground

Installation of the dropped kerbs on Mole Road has begun.

The tripping of the electrical circuits in the pavilion is happening regularly. Binfield Electrical have been informed and asked to attend. The pavilion fire alarm system has been sending 'disconnected' messages to the ADT call centre. There is no evidence of leakage in the building.

WRFC have been contacted regarding the untidy state of the changing rooms following one of their senior team's matches.

WRFC have lost many Saturdays over the winter. They have enquired about playing some matches on Sundays. This was approved. The Clerk suggested and the Committee approved extending the football season to 16 May to allow the backlog of matches to be caught up.

Nick Robins does not consider the extension to be a problem. The Committee approved the beginning of the extra drainage improvements suggested by Nick Robins. These can be implemented from April without adversely affecting the playing surfaces. The Clerk was asked to confirm the pricing and proceed with these improvements. **ACTION: Clerk**

Main Hall/Offices

There are a few more areas where the hall floor is lifting slightly; this time towards the New Road side of the hall. The Clerk will monitor the floor and arrange for repairs as necessary. The Community Hall will be closed from Wednesday 28 July to Sunday 15 August 2010 for the floor sand and seal. Regular hirers have been informed.

Replacement thermostats have been fitted to the radiators in the gents and ladies toilets in the main hall.

Allotments

Nick Robins will clear plots 66&67 and remove the tree stump on plot 13 later this month.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 none

4 R & A BUDGET

4.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

The Clerk presented a summary of the current budgetary position. There were no additional questions.

5 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

5.1 none

6 ALLOTMENTS

6.1 The ploholders whose plots have been under review have now either vacated their plots or tended them as requested. Further incidences of mares tail have been reported at the railway end of the allotments.

6.2 The spring review of the allotments is scheduled for March/April. The Clerk will arrange a suitable date for the inspection. **ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs Plant & Wakefield**

6.3 The Committee **RESOLVED** to renew the pest control contract with Berkshire Pest Control for 2010-11.

7 UPDATES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

7.1 Dropped Kerbs on Mole Road

The Clerk reported that WBC's contractors arrived today to instal the dropped kerbs and pathway. Large surface tree roots were found to affect the proposed route for the path. These would have to be cut to allow the installation of a ground level pathway. After debating several alternatives with the WBC representative and the contractor it was agreed that the path would follow its proposed route but would be raised a little so that the path would go over the roots without them needing to be cut.

The Clerk confirmed that WBC would not charge any more for the pathway than had already been quoted by WPC's independent contractors.

7.2 Southern Gas Networks

The Clerk reported that SGN no longer needed a gas governor kiosk on the car park. A representative had called in the offices to explain that work to replace the gas mains on Mole Road was now proposed to start after Easter and to continue for about 12 weeks. The work would involve traffic lights being set up on Mole Road to regulate traffic through the affected areas.

SGN had requested to use the WPC Mole Road car park as a base for a container for the duration of the project. The Committee approved this request. The Clerk will liaise with SGN regarding the exact siting of the container. **ACTION: Clerk**

7.3 External Toilets

The Clerk reported that the police and insurance company had no particular concerns about the proposed external toilet at the Pavilion. (see N3 Correspondence)

7.4 Seats and picnic benches on the Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that Nick Robins will be able to move the existing benches as necessary. Cllr Plant will meet with the Clerk to specify the new positions of the seats. **ACTION: Cllr Plant**

The Clerk will meet a representative of a product supplier later in the week and will discuss with him recommendations for picnic benches and seats, in case these items need to be considered by the council at a later date.

8 LITTER PICK 2010

8.1 Sunday 21 March, meet 9.30am for a litter pick 10 until 12.

The Clerk reported that the Sainsbury's car park will not be available to be used as a base for the litter pick. The Litter Pick will disperse from the Community Centre car park, Mole Road, instead.

The Clerk has sent out information to some local organisations and schools. The Clerk gave out posters to councillors for distribution around the parish.

The Clerk will check that we still have sufficient litter grabbers, plastic bags and jackets for the event. He will also confirm the collection of the litter by WBC.

ACTION: Clerk

9 CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 item 2; The Committee considered a request to use the hall for dog training classes. Concern was expressed about maintaining the cleanliness of the premises. The Committee decided to offer the hirers a trial period after which future bookings would be reviewed. The Clerk will contact the organisation involved. **ACTION: Clerk**

item 5; Cllr Plant summarised the emails with WRFC regarding changing rooms being left untidy after matches .

item 6; The Clerk confirmed the request for information regarding allotments from Hurst PC.

item 12; The Committee noted that PCSO Williams' Community Event will take place in April or May, date to be confirmed.

Items N9 & N10 have been considered under sections 7.1 and 7.2.

10 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

10.1 The Committee noted the increased number of burglaries in Winnersh reported recently by Thames Valley Police.

11 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 6th April 2010** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

The meeting finished at 9.15p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 March 2010

- 1 Binfield Electrical; response to tripping of electrical circuits in the Pavilion
- 2 Request to run weekly dog obedience classes in the main hall
- 3 Marshall's Paving; leaflet on permeable paving
- 4 Landscape & Amenity magazine, January 2010
- 5 WRFC; initial response to our complaint about the state of the changing rooms
- 6 Hurst PC; summary of allotment plot charges
- 7 CCB; How Safe Is Your Hall? Training event, 4 March 2010
- 8 SLCC; Allotment course is fully booked
- 9 Streetdoor UK product leaflet
- 10 Glasdon product leaflets
- 11 Wicksteed product leaflets
- 12 PCSO Nellie Williams; Community Event to take place in April or May

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 2 March 2010

- N1 Keep Mobile; request for information re shows and fete
- N2 Sainsbury's Winnersh; car park not available for Litter Pick
- N3 Sgt Tim Woolford; comments re external toilet
- N4 Anita Karir; update on tending of allotment plot
- N5 WBC; extract re Litter Pick and extension of football season
- N6 ARD; monthly inspection report, February 2010
- N7 Berkshire Pest Control; renewal of contract for 2010-11
- N8 Nick Robins; clearing allotment plots, drainage works on field
- N9 Balfour Beatty; site plan for dropped kerbs on Mole Road
- N10 Southern Gas Network; plans for gas pipe laying on Mole Road, April for 12 weeks