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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 1st JUNE 2010 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

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

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk)

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 none

2 R&A Vice Chairman

2.1 Cllr Wakefield **PROPOSED** and Cllr Peffers **SECONDED** Cllr Cooke as Vice
Chairman of the R&A Committee and this was **RESOLVED**.

3 CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT as at 1.6.10 Update on items since the meeting of 04.05.10

Play Area/Recreation Ground

The invoice for the installation of dropped kerbs has been received from WBC.
The WRFC season for matches has now finished. WRFC are now training on Tuesday,
Thursday and Friday evenings. They have also been discovered training on Wednesday and
Saturday. They have now issued a request to be permitted to train on Wednesdays. The
Committee discussed this request and agreed to permit two WRFC teams to train on
Wednesdays, provided the parking restrictions are observed. WRFC will be charged for these
extra evening training sessions. **ACTION: Clerk**

WRFC have requested 1 adult pitch, one teenage pitch and one 7-a-side pitch for next season.
They also wish to have the large pitches moved to give the goalmouths a rest. The Clerk has
discussed this with Nick Robins. It should be possible to fit in the pitches but new sockets for
the goal posts will have to be bought and fitted. Nick Robins has removed the goal posts. The
Committee discussed the reseeding of the goalmouths and decided that it should be started
straight away despite the possibility that damage may be done to some of the reseeded areas

during the fete. Vertidrainage has been postponed until the autumn because of the wet ground during March.

The Clerk has asked Nick Robins to address the trip hazards in the play areas and to ensure that the grass in the play areas is cut regularly.

Southern Gas Networks have removed the hardcore from the lay-by entrance and reinstated the access onto the field. The Clerk will check that the access to the lay-by is completely clear. **ACTION: Clerk**

The litter bin outside the Pavilion is broken and in need of replacement. The Committee discussed the increased use of the field and asked the Clerk to investigate getting a double bin outside the Pavilion and a single bin to be put near the adult football pitch. **ACTION: Clerk**
The Clerk is making enquiries for parts and minor repairs to the bollards at the car park and lay-by entrances.

Pavilion

The tripping of the electrics in the Pavilion has happened again one morning. Binfield Electrical have been informed. Repairs to the broken window in the pavilion are complete. A new lock has been fitted to the external door to the changing rooms.

The Cisterniser in the gents toilets has been repaired.

A quotation is being sought for the repair of the Pavilion clock.

Main Hall/Offices

The mascerator (shredder) in the office toilet has been repaired. The engineer reports that the life of the current mascerator is limited.

Repairs to the Cisterniser in the gents toilets are ongoing.

The caretaker reports that some of the tables and chairs in the main hall are broken or showing signs of wear and tear. The Clerk was asked to get quotations for replacement tables and to present these to the Full Council meeting if available. The Clerk will investigate getting the damaged chairs re-upholstered. **ACTION: Clerk**

The caretaker asked a group of teenagers to desist from using the outside tap as a source of ammunition for a large scale water fight. The Committee asked the Clerk to investigate replacing the outside tap with one which has a removable handle. **ACTION: Clerk**

Allotments

The Clerk has asked Nick Robins whether he can clear away the problem manure from the allotment entrance. He will try to remove it later this week. The Clerk will put up a notice at the allotments requesting information about the supplier of the manure.

Cllr Southgate presented a newspaper cutting suggesting that fly tipping from the adjacent allotments was responsible for a fire on the railway cutting. The Council has received no other information about this incident.

Three of the people at the top of the waiting list for allotments have failed to respond to an offer to take an allotment. The FAO has now contacted the next people on the waiting list.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 none

5 R & A BUDGET

5.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

Cllr Southgate explained the principle of 'Reserved' items.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise Cllr Wakefield to spend up to £150 on paints and varnish for use on the teenage shelter.

6 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

6.1 none

7 UPDATES ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

7.1 The Car Park extension:

Preliminary talks will be held with the WBC planning department. The Clerk will prepare a plan of the site and ask Cllr Hunt to take some photographs of the area of the car park extension in preparation for this meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

7.2 Pavilion Café:

The Committee discussed the problems arising from visitors using the café as a source of information about the Community Centre facilities. The Committee confirmed that all enquiries should be passed on to the office. The FAO has produced additional information to be displayed at the café and will continue to monitor the need for more information.

7.3 WPC Signage:

The Committee discussed the need to improve the external signage at the Community Centre and on adjacent roads. These will be reviewed collectively. The Clerk will consult with WBC Highways regarding road signs. **ACTION: Clerk**
Cllr Wakefield will review the signs required for the Community Centre site.

ACTION: Cllr Wakefield

7.4 Bearwood Recreation Ground benches:

Cllrs Plant, Cooke and Peffers will meet with the Clerk to decide the new positions for the benches.

7.5 Winnersh fete:

A full report will be made at the next Full Council meeting. It was noted that where there are insufficient copies of Winnersh Matters then a fete flyer should be delivered on its own.

Cllrs Plant and Grimson will collect the PA system.

ACTION: Cllrs Plant & Grimson

7.6 Christmas Lights:

The committee discussed possible dates for the Christmas Lights event. Friday 10 December was decided upon as the preferred option. Cllrs Plant and Cooke will discuss this date with Winnersh and Bearwood Primary Schools. They will also discuss the poster competition. **ACTION: Cllrs Plant & Cooke**

Cllr Plant will discuss catering options with the Pavilion Café. **ACTION: Cllr Plant**

7.7 Winnersh NAG

The Committee discussed the use of the John Grobler room for the Winnersh NAG meetings and **RESOLVED** not to charge for the use of this facility.

8 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 8.1** item 3; The Committee asked the Clerk to reply saying that it does not have any plans for a wireless router in the Pavilion at the moment. **ACTION: Clerk**

item 4; The Committee decided not to follow up the Air Ambulance offer of recycling facilities.

item 7; The Committee **RESOLVED** to appoint Les Moody as judge for the allotment competition for 2010. His fees will remain unchanged. The Clerk will post the judging dates at the allotments. **ACTION: Clerk**

item 8; WBC have requested confirmation that monies will still be available for the Winnersh Meadows project. The Clerk has already confirmed that money for this project is in the 2010-11 budget.

item 10; Cllr Plant summarised the Mapis Modelling Agency letter. The Committee confirmed that it will not be following up this offer. **ACTION: Clerk**

item 11; The Committee has no contacts for tracing family histories.

ACTION: Clerk

Item N2; The Committee discussed the request for additional Sunday football matches on the Recreation Ground and confirmed that the pitches could not take the extra wear and tear. The Clerk will reply. **ACTION: Clerk**

9 **ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

- 9.1** The Committee noted that the lights were left on in the Main Hall toilets on a Sunday evening. The Clerk will discuss this with the caretaker. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 9.2** Some councillors did not receive copies of the minutes and agendas which were posted last week. The Clerk asked to be notified if mail was lost in the post – he could then issue duplicate copies.

10 **TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

The meeting finished at 9.45p.m.

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 1 June 2010

- 1 Landscape & Amenity magazine, April 2010
- 2 WBC; re allotment lease renewal
- 3 K O'Leary; request for wireless router in the Pavilion Café
- 4 Thames Valley Air Ambulance; recycling scheme
- 5 Mike Saynor; re herbicide problems at the allotments
- 6 Record RSS; product leaflet
- 7 Les Moody; dates and fees for 2010 allotment judging
- 8 WBC; clarification of availability of funds for Winnersh Meadows project
- 9 Streetproducts Ltd; leaflet
- 10 Mapis Modelling Agency; offer to run 'Discover Yourself' courses
- 11 John Anderson; request for information for family history

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 1 June 2010

- N1 Landscape & Amenities magazine, May 2010
- N2 Request for adult football matches on Sundays, season 2010-11