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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2011 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllrs J Plant (Chairman), F Breedlove, E Cooke, D Green, L Lainsbury,
I Shepherd-Dubey.

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk), 10 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr J Southgate.

2 CLERK'S REPORT

CLERK'S REPORT as at 6.9.11 Update on items since the meeting of 05.7.11 **Play Area/Recreation Ground**

WRFC have started training. The football pitches are marked and posts put up ready for the start of the season in September. The Fire Brigade has responded to a non-emergency call to investigate a fire at the copse near the basketball pitch. There has been a further incidence of drug taking on the field – PCSO Williams has been informed. A vehicle has slightly bent a static bollard at the entrance to the car park. Noyce Funfair attended the Ground at the beginning of August. A dog has been reported missing on the Recreation Ground.

Pavilion

The Internal Decoration of the Pavilion has taken place.

Main Hall/Offices

The Internal Decoration of the Sindlesham Room has taken place.
The drains have been blocked again once and have been cleared by the caretaking staff.
The caretaker has put a coat of metallized polish on the hall floor.

Allotments

Additional baiting of the allotments has taken place. The results of the allotment competition have been received. The winners have been notified. Allotment renewals have been sent out.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3.1 none

(one member of the public joined the meeting)

4 ALLOTMENTS

4.1 Cllr Plant introduced the members of the Committee to the public. Standing orders were suspended to allow the members of the public to speak. A member of the public expressed his concerns regarding:

- the use of plot 65 as a community area
- the manure heap at the entrance to the allotments
- mares tail on plot 28
- broken fence near the BP garage
- problems with parking

Dr Kilby thanked the Council for its light-handed running of the allotments over the years. He expressed concern regarding the reclaim of plots from plot-holders outside the parish. He also spoke about a possible weedkiller for mares tail, keeping plots tidy, and the possibility of an allotment association.

A member of the public spoke regarding the deposit system, and further statements were received regarding the re-allocation of plots and the use of plot 65.

Cllr Green explained the principle behind the proposed use of plot 65.

One member of the public left the meeting.

Further comments were received regarding the disposal of green waste from the allotments.

There being no further comments from the public standing orders were resumed. 10 members of the public left the meeting.

4.2 The Clerk confirmed the results of the 2011 allotment competition.

Winner: plot 10 – Mr Davies

Runner up: plot 13 - Mrs Taylor

3rd place: plot 29 - Mr Richards

The winners have been invited to receive their prizes at 7.30pm, prior to the Full Council meeting of Tuesday 13 September. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the prizes should be garden centre vouchers to the value of £25, £15, £10, as in previous years. **ACTION: Clerk**

4.3 The Committee noted the correspondence items 12 & 13 regarding the reclaim of plots from plot-holders outside the parish. The Committee discussed the points raised and the options available. The Committee **RESOLVED** that the plot-holders affected will be given 1 year's notice for the reclaim of one plot. **ACTION: Clerk**

- 4.4 The committee noted the correspondence items 6 & 7 regarding plot 65. The Committee discussed the views of the public. The Committee **RESOLVED** to go ahead with the proposed use of plot 65 ('the orchard') as a community area for plot holders, on a trial basis. The Committee noted that the plot could be allocated to a person on the waiting list at a future date, if it was so decided.
- 4.5 The Committee discussed the response of the holder of plot 6, regarding concerns about the standard of maintenance of the plot. The Committee was sympathetic to the plothead. The Clerk was asked to write asking that the plot be kept maintained and that any problems doing so should be reported to the Council. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 4.6 The Committee noted the correspondence item 2 regarding the crops on plot 11 and item N3, expert comments on the situation. The Committee decided that in accordance with the recommendations in N3 the plothead would be asked to tidy his plot. **ACTION: Clerk**

5 R & A BUDGET

5.1 To discuss the current budgetary position

The Clerk confirmed that the Council still awaits a formal request from the NAG before the Council can consider releasing funds for the Winnersh Meadows project.

6 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- 6.1 none

7 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2011

- 7.1 The Committee discussed the options for the Christmas Lights event. The Clerk confirmed that Nick Robins will be able to put lights in the trees. There is also the possibility of a small selection of funfair items attending the event. Cllr Cooke was asked to cost the fireworks and find out the recommended restriction zone for their display. **ACTION: Cllr Cooke**
 Cllrs Plant and Lainsbury will liaise with Cllr Southgate regarding contacting stallholders from the fete. **ACTION: Cllrs Plant & Lainsbury**
 Cllrs Plant and Lainsbury will produce plans for the event, to be brought to the next R&A Committee meeting. **ACTION: Cllrs Plant & Lainsbury**

8 R&A PROJECTS REPORT

- 8.1 The Clerk re-presented the recommendations and quotation for repairing the leak and pipework to the main hall cold water system. He explained that the original repair was only a temporary emergency repair. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise a full repair of the system at a cost of £625. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 8.2 The CCTV report of the Community Centre drains is ongoing. The Clerk reported that WBC have been investigating the main drains on Mole Road for blockages.

- 8.3 The review of the signage for the Community Centre and adjacent roads is ongoing. Cllr Plant will visit WBC Highways to discuss the roadside signs.

ACTION: Cllr Plant

- 8.4 The Clerk reported that an increasing number of chairs in the main hall have worn fabric. He presented a sample repair and explained the basic costings and the options available. The Committee noted that the repair of 150 chairs would be a major expense and would need to be done in batches, possible starting in the current financial year if the budget permitted. The Clerk was asked to get further quotes for replacement/repair.

ACTION: Clerk

- 8.5 The Clerk and Cllr Green explained that emergency work has been made in Pavilion House to make it safe for the incoming caretaker. They also reported that the sink and ground level kitchen units needed replacing because they were a health hazard. Cllr Plant declared an interest. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise up to £700 for the replacement units.

9 CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 Items 2,3,6,7,11,12,13,N3 had been addressed under agenda item 4 above.

Item 17; The Clerk explained a query from a member of the allotment waiting list regarding the growth of tobacco on allotments.

Item 20; The Clerk explained that he had received some information regarding alternatives to retractable bollards.

Item N2; The Committee noted that users of the field are required to hire it for football matches and training.

10 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

- 10.1 The Clerk presented the problems with parking faced by hirers on Thursday evenings, particularly during the overlap of their bookings. The Committee noted that the car park is there for the use of all the hall hirers. However, hirers will be encouraged to use New Road for additional parking. The Clerk will also enquire whether Weightwatchers can change evening. **ACTION: Clerk**
The Committee confirmed that members of the public are required to hire the field when putting on social functions.

- 10.2 Cllr Green confirmed that a letter from the outgoing caretaker will be presented to the Full Council meeting in September.

11 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 11.1 The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 4th October 2011** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

The meeting finished at 10.25p.m.

Correspondence

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 6 September 2011

- 1) SMP Playgrounds; leaflet
- 2) Nohe-Choi; management of plot 11
- 3) Les Moody; results of allotment competition
- 4) HSI; quotation for repairs to hall chairs
- 5) YELL; re business listing renewal
- 6) Jessie Richards; comments re orchard plot
- 7) Jim Dyke; comments re orchard plot
- 8) ARD; Playground report, July & August 2011
- 9) Play Activity Today; magazine
- 10) Landscape & Amenity magazine
- 11) JC Laney; re management of plot 6
- 12) Peter Kilby; re out of parish reclaim
- 13) Michael Saynor; re out of parish reclaim
- 14) Royal Horticultural Society; Britain In Bloom
- 15) Pumpmaster; sanitop due for service
- 16) Barcham Tree Specialist; introductory booklet
- 17) SLCC; re growth of tobacco plants on allotments
- 18) Glasdon; booklet
- 19) NALC; re Sport Relief 2012
- 20) All-In-One; alternatives to bollards
- 21) Sovereign; landscapes introductory letter
- 22) Nick Robins; re Christmas Lights

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 6 September 2011

- N1 Wokingham & Emmbrook FC U14; request to use field on Sundays
- N2 WRFC; comments re other teams using field on training nights
- N3 Les Moody; comments re plot 11
- N4 Cannon Hygiene; annual service agreement renewal