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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2015 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

PRESENT: Cllrs G Harper (Chairman), F Breedlove, R Holdstock, P Ray,
J Southgate.

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

1 APOLOGIES

1.1 Cllr D Green.

2 CLERK'S REPORT

2.1 CLERK'S REPORT as at 7.7.15 **update on items since the meeting of 9.6.15**

Play Area/Recreation Ground

WRFC have completed their spring evening training. National Grid's charity 6 a side matches have their final on Wednesday 8 July. There has been some disturbance regarding parking on Wednesday evenings. Additional parking has been found for 8 July. There has been further evidence of drug dealing on the field. The Caretaker has informed the police.

The Fete went well. The funfair will be on the field 10-17 August, opening to the public 14-16 August.

A lock has broken on a car park bollard. The Clerk called in an emergency repair and included a service to the other bollard locks. The Council's spare locks were used in the repairs. The Committee asked the Clerk to buy in another set of spare locks and recommended an annual service for the bollards.

ACTION: Clerk

Pavilion

The matting for the Pavilion has been purchased.

Pavilion House

Main Hall/Offices

The infestation of rats on New Road is being treated. There is less evidence of rat movements than previously. The caretaker has reported some rotting of external timbers on the main hall. Remedial work may need to be considered. The caretaker will investigate temporary repairs to a hall exit door.

Allotments

There has been one more incident of theft reported. There has been an incidence of damage to crops reported. Further problems with moles have been reported.

3 MATTERS ARISING

- 3.1 The Clerk is to organise a meeting with SBS regarding bar services. Ongoing.
ACTION: Clerk
- 3.2 The boxing of the meter and stop tap at the allotments is ongoing.
Cllr Holdstock will organise the boxing. **ACTION: Cllr Holdstock**
- 3.3 The collation of details for the car park litter bin is ongoing. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 3.4 The project for repairs to Pavilion House is ongoing. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 3.5 Ian Gough of WBC will report to Full Council regarding solar energy options.
- 3.6 Cllr Harper reported that he had followed up the query regarding NALC grants. We do not fulfil their criteria for the current round of grants.
- 3.7 The Clerk will follow up queries regarding the licence for the café option.
ACTION: Clerk
- 3.8 Repairs to the beam of wood in the kitchen ceiling are ongoing.
- 3.9 Friday bookings; we are awaiting information regarding the Brownies potential Friday booking.
- 3.10 A revision to the T&C for hall hire regarding receiving TV signals will be presented to the next R&A meeting
ACTION: Clerk

4 PUBLIC SESSION

- 4.1 none

5 R & A BUDGET

- 5.1 The Clerk reported on the progress of the projects. The priorities for the projects are Internal Decoration and Office Window. The work for grounds maintenance was discussed.

6 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

- 6.1 none

7 ALLOTMENTS

- 7.1 The Committee discussed the plots which are under review. Cllr Ray and the Clerk will review these plots at the end of August and report to R&A.
ACTION: Cllr Ray & Clerk
- 7.2 The first allotment competition judging day has taken place. The second is scheduled in August, with presentations planned for the September Full Council meeting.
- 7.3 Cllr Harper reported on leaking taps. He can make temporary repairs to the worst affected taps. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise £130 for the purchase of replacement taps. Cllr Harper will fit them. **ACTION: Clerk & Cllr Harper**
- 7.4 The Committee discussed the recent increase in mole activity at the allotments. The Committee confirmed that individual plot-holders can use the services of a professional mole catcher on their own plot. He will put up a notice advising this at the allotments. **ACTION: Clerk**
The Clerk was asked to enquire of other parishes what action they take on mole activity. He will ask for a quote from PestUK regarding mole control.
ACTION: Clerk
- Cllr Harper withdrew from the meeting and Cllr Southgate took the chair.
- 7.5 The Committee discussed the charges for allotment plots. The Committee noted the scheduled increases in recent years.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to hold the allotment charges for 2015-16 at their 2014-15 level, ie £35 for a full-plot and £20 for a half-plot.
- 7.6 The Committee discussed the appeals of the holders of plots 28 and 29 regarding the boundary between the two plots.
The Committee will recommend to the plot-holders a compromise suggestion; that 28 will be permitted to erect a low-level fence (max 18" high) 9" in from the boundary, which will cause minimal disruption to light on plot 29, and the holder of 29 will keep his bushes trimmed so as not to encroach and will therefore cause minimal nuisance to plot 28. Should this suggestion not be acceptable to both parties then the Committee's original decision (see June R&A minutes) regarding the fence and gooseberry bushes will stand. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 7.7 The Committee discussed the appeal of the holder of plot 33a to retain this plot beyond September 2015. He had previously confirmed his understanding that he would have to relinquish either full plot 28 or half plot 33a at the September renewal and had stated that he would relinquish half plot 33a.

The Committee **RESOLVED** that he will not be permitted to keep both plots on the following grounds:

- To permit retention of both plots is inconsistent with the current allocation policy which has been in place and implemented for other allotment holders
- There is still a waiting list of Wincoburn residents waiting for plots
- All other plots are allocated or are under review

- The current agreement was confirmed last month
- There are 2 other plot holders who have taken on full plots and will be giving up their half-plots in September

The Clerk will write to the holder of plot 33a with this decision. He will be offered the choice of which plot he wishes to relinquish. **ACTION: Clerk**

Cllr Harper re-joined the meeting and took the chair.

8 R&A PROJECTS 2015-16

- 8.1** The Clerk reported on the 2015-16 projects. This information had been discussed under R&A Budget above. The Committee asked the Clerk to list R&A Projects immediately before R&A Budget on future agendas. **ACTION: Clerk**

(Cllr Holdstock left the meeting.)

9 WINNERSH RANGERS FC

- 9.1** The Clerk reported that WRFC had requested that last season's pitch booking system be retained for a further season. The Clerk reported that we do not have a Sunday team lined up for next season. The Committee confirmed WRFC can have sole use of the Bearwood Recreation Ground but will require that WRFC will book matches in line with last season's bookings.
- 9.2** The Committee discussed the charges for WRFC for 2015-16. The Committee **RESOLVED** to increase the WRFC charges by 2%, in line with its increases to other hirers.

10 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2015

- 10.1** The Clerk reported that he has written to the primary schools inviting them to take part in the Christmas Lights event. He has had a reply from Wheatfield School saying that they are unable to take part this year. The Clerk will contact the other primary schools again in September. **ACTION: Clerk**

11 CORRESPONDENCE

- 11.1** Item 1; the Committee will review the next ARD report to consider maintenance to the play areas. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 11.2** Items 2&3; The Clerk summarised the Pest Control reports.
- 11.3** Item 6; the Committee discussed the request to run a circus on the Recreation Ground. This was considered too large a project for the facilities and declined the request. **ACTION: Clerk**

11.4 Item N1; Cllr Ray reported on the issue of dog fouling. The Committee asked him to investigate options and measures for regulating dog fouling and to report to the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Ray**

11.5 Item N2; the suggestion for an alternative allotment site was noted.

12 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

12.1 none

13 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13.1 The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 1st September 2015** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.22pm.

APPENDIX 1

Correspondence

Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 7 July

- 1 ARD; June 2015 Playground Inspection report
- 2 PestUK; allotment treatment report
- 3 PestUK; Community Centre treatment report
- 4 Mr T Howells; appeal to keep plot 33a
- 5 Mr R Richards; appeal against moving gooseberry bushes
- 6 John Lawson Circus; request to visit Recreation Ground next year, possibly June
- 7 Thames Water; circular re Terry Hopkins Memorial Hall
- 8 Cllr G Harper; problems with allotment taps
- 9 H Meyer; thanks to staff

Correspondence received since the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 7 July

- N1 Cllr P Ray; dog fouling on Bearwood Rec.
N2 Anne Cumpsty; sites for the new allotments
N3 Wheatfield Primary School; decline Christmas Lights invitation 2015