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### MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE JOHN GROBLER ROOM

**PRESENT:** Cllrs G Harper (Chairman), J Bray, F Breedlove, D Green, N Kilby, P Ray.

In attendance: Clive Hudson (WPC Clerk).

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

**1.1** Cllr J Southgate.

#### **2 CLERK'S REPORT**

**CLERK'S REPORT as at 1.9.15**

**Update on items since the meeting of 7.7.15**

##### **Play Area/Recreation Ground**

The annual trimming of roadside hedges is complete.

WRFC have resumed training on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. They expect to start friendly matches on 5/6 September and league matches the week after. Nick Robins will mark the pitches this week.

There have been further concerns raised over the use of the car park on Wednesday evenings. There are still some concerns regarding drug dealing at the facilities. The police have been informed.

There are problems with the street lights servicing the hall and pavilion. SSE have been informed and repairs are awaited.

The Fun Fair went well. Damage to the field was minimal and Nick Robins is repairing worn areas. Two wooden benches are due to be replaced next week.

##### **Pavilion**

The annual boiler service has been done. The Pavilion has been cleaned ready for the football season.

##### **Pavilion House**

The annual boiler service has been done.

##### **Main Hall/Offices**

The annual boiler service has been booked. The Karcher machine has been repaired.

A temporary repair has been made to an exit door in the hall.

The infestation of rats on New Road is being treated. There is less evidence of rat movements than previously.

The coin operated gas meter has been removed from the hall kitchen. The gas supply has been checked.

Several strip lights have failed in the offices and hall. New ones are being ordered.

### **Allotments**

Further problems with moles have been reported. Treatment for moles and wasps nests has been undertaken over the summer.

## **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.  
**ACTION: Cllr Holdstock**

3.3 The Clerk reported on the costs of a bin for the car park. The Committee queried the potential value of a bin in this location and decided not to purchase a new bin at the moment.

3.4 The project for repairs to Pavilion House is ongoing. **ACTION: Clerk**

3.5 The option of a café at the Pavilion has not been taken up this summer. The Committee closed the working group. The Committee discussed the option of a café at the Pavilion and possible ways of encouraging the take-up of an option. Cllr Harper will report this discussion to Full Council.  
**ACTION: Cllr Harper**

3.6 Friday bookings; we have had no response regarding the Brownies potential Friday booking.

3.7 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. Quotations have been received for the office window project and the required documents for planning permission are being produced. Invitations to quote for the redecoration work have been sent out; replies are awaited. The two benches are expected to be installed next week. The Committee discussed the delineation of keep clear zones around the bollards at the car park entrance. The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise £200 from the Miscellaneous budget for this project.  
**ACTION: Clerk**

## 6 REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL AND OTHER COMMITTEES

6.1 none

## 7 ALLOTMENTS

7.1 Cllr Ray and the Clerk presented the report of the inspection at the end of August. The Committee discussed the plots which are under review. The Committee asked the Clerk to query the maintenance of plots 4, 12, 26, 29(a), 51a, 51b, 58/59, 61, 73a, 73b prior to renewals being sent out.

7.2 Allotment Competition 2015

Cllr Harper declared an interest.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to authorise a prize of £25 in garden vouchers to the winners of the Full Plot, Half Plot and Best Newcomer events.

Cllr Harper informed the Committee that he would waive his prize for best Full Plot.

The winners of the three events are:

Full Plot:	1 <sup>st</sup> plot 38,	85 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> plot 10,	76 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> plot 74,	74 points
Half Plot:	1 <sup>st</sup> plot 48b,	66 points
	2 <sup>nd</sup> plot 33b,	60 points
	3 <sup>rd</sup> plot 48a,	57 points
Best Newcomer:	plot 48b,	66 points

The Clerk will invite the holders of these plots to the presentation at the September Full Council meeting.

**ACTION: Clerk**

7.3 The Committee discussed the boundary between plots 28 and 29. The Committee's compromise suggestion for the boundary was not accepted by the plotholders (see 7.6 July R&A). The original decision of June 2015 will therefore stand. The Clerk will inform both parties.

**ACTION: Clerk**

7.4 Cllr Harper has repaired 8 taps; parts are required for a further 5 taps. The Clerk had received quotations for mole control and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had authorised this treatment over the summer. Treatment of wasps had also been undertaken.

7.5 The Committee discussed the problem of wood chippings being deposited along the fence. The Clerk will produce a notice prohibiting this practice.

**ACTION: Clerk**

## 8 R&A PROJECTS 2015-16

8.1 See item 5 above.

## **9 BEARWOOD REC. PLAY AREAS**

- 9.1** The Clerk presented the latest ARD Bi-Monthly report. The Committee discussed the detail and priorities of the maintenance work suggested. The Clerk will ask for quotations for the larger repairs. **ACTION: Clerk**  
The Committee expressed its concern regarding the ongoing problems with a play area gate. The Clerk will contact ARD again. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **10 DOG FOULING**

- 10.1** Cllr Ray summarised his report on dog fouling at the Recreation Ground. The Committee discussed the options he gave for controlling dog fouling. In principle, the Committee favoured a Public Space Protection Order and asked Cllr Ray to make further investigations and report back to the next R&A meeting. **ACTION: Cllr Ray**

## **11 WINNERSH RANGERS FC**

- 11.1** The Clerk reported on WRFC's proposed fixtures and pitch requirements for 2015-16. The Committee noted that WRFC's late decision not to play 11 a side matches adversely affects the Council's budgeting. Cllr Harper will make further enquiries into pitch usage. **ACTION: Cllr Harper**  
The Council will honour the prices quoted for this season but will expect a discussion regarding future pitch usage and charges with WRFC in the spring.

## **12 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2015**

- 12.1** The Clerk reported that he has not received replies to the invitation to attend the event from Winnersh and Bearwood Primary Schools. He will write again inviting them to take part. **ACTION: Clerk**

## **13 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 13.1** Item 5; the rat run adjacent to plots 28/29 has been treated.
- 13.2** Item 15; the Clerk reported on the staff training to be undertaken this autumn.
- 13.3** Item 16; the Clerk reported on WBC's latest update regarding the street lights contract.
- 13.4** Item N2; the Committee confirmed that in principle the FunFair could be allowed to use the field in July 2016. The Committee wondered whether the FunFair would like to advertise in the spring edition of Winnersh Matters.

## **14 ANY OTHER ITEMS THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT**

- 14.1** Cllr Harper reported that WBC had removed fly-tipping from the access area to the Reading Road allotments.

**14.2** Cllr Harper reported a query over the publishing of the R&A minutes on the website. Cllr Harper will raise this question with the webmaster. **ACTION: Cllr Harper**

## **15 TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**15.1** The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015** at 7.45 p.m. in the John Grobler Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.37pm.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Correspondence**

#### **Correspondence received prior to the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 1 September 2015**

- 1 Festival Lighting Co.; Christmas Lighting brochure
- 2 WBC; request strimming of hedges
- 3 National Grid; thanks for use of field for charity tournament
- 4 Claire Beal; rats and moles at allotments
- 5 Tony Howells; rats at allotments
- 6 Tony Howells; response to plot 28/29 border
- 7 Tony Howells; request for clarification of plot 33a situation
- 8 Bob Richards; response to plot 28/29 border
- 9 PestUK; quote for mole trapping at allotments
- 10 PestUK; report re Community Centre
- 11 ARD; August 2015 play area inspection
- 12 WRFC; pitch requirements for 2015-16
- 13 SLCC Forum; Community Support Officers and dog control
- 14 WHA; allotment competition results
- 15 St John's Ambulance; Fire Marshal course reminders
- 16 WBC; Street Light Upgrade Project update
- 17 Cllr P Ray; Dog Fouling report
- 18 Cllr R Shepherd-Dubey; request to use JG room for HFD meeting

#### **Correspondence received following the issue of the agenda for the meeting of 1 September 2015**

- N1 Bellstan; quote for car park entry lines  
N2 Jimmy Noyce; request for FunFair in JULY 2016