



## **Winnersh Parish Council**

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### **MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018 IN THE ALLNATT PAVILION**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs S Hanna (Chairman), F Breedlove, P Fishwick, J Southgate

In attendance: Louise Steele (WPC Locum Clerk).

#### **1 APOLOGIES**

**1.1** Apologies were received from Cllrs Wooldridge & Harper

#### **2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2.1** Members declared no interests in any matters on the agenda.

#### **3 PUBLIC SESSION**

**3.1** Andrew Ferguson was present representing the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and made representations to the Committee about an event that the Lodge plans to hold on the recreation ground on Saturday 29 June 2019. Mr Ferguson asked for permission to apply for a temporary event notice to sell alcohol on the recreation ground as a contribution to the fund raising planned. This matter had been included on the agenda at item 10 and the Chairman elected to bring that item forward to be considered alongside Mr Ferguson's representations. Further detail of this discussion and the Committee's decision are recorded below under Minute 10 below.

#### **4 CLERK'S REPORT**

**4.1** The Locum Clerk reported that she had responded to the solicitors about the Committee's comments on the draft allotment lease and she relayed the answer to one of the questions raised.

#### **5 R&A PROJECTS 2018-19**

**5.1** The Clerk circulated a draft specification for the Community Centre redecoration and asked Councillors whether they wished the hall dado rail to be painted or varnished. It

was agreed that the dado rail would continue to be varnished. Cllr Breedlove had arranged to meet potential contractors and obtain quotes.

- 5.2 A quote of £182.50 (plus VAT) received for recommended work to the central heating system in the Community Centre was accepted.

## 6 R & A BUDGET

- 6.1 Expenditure on major and special projects for the eight months to 30 November 2018 was considered (attached).
- 6.2 Cllr Breedlove presented provisional figures for major and special projects for the financial year 2019/20 (attached).

## 7 ALLOTMENTS

- 7.1 The Locum Clerk reported that new allotments have been allocated to all current allotment holders that have expressed a wish to transfer to the new allotments. Similarly new allotments have been allocated to Winnersh residents from the waiting list. It was agreed that, while existing allotment holders will not pay rent for this current year the new allotment holders should pay 50% of the annual rent. It is anticipated that there will be new expressions of interest following the distribution of Winnersh Matters and it was agreed that after 15 January 2019 allotments could be allocated to non-residents on the waiting list.
- 7.2 It was agreed that the deposit could be refunded to an allotment holders who had requested it.
- 7.3 The Chairman reported that Wokingham Borough Council had indicated that their contractor would start on the new allotment site on 7 January 2019 and would be finished by 28 February. It was agreed that there should be a meeting of allotment holders with WBC and parish councillors and the Locum Clerk was asked to check the availability of the Sindlesham Room and set that meeting up. [*Subsequently arranged as 19.00 on Friday 11 January 2019.*]  
**Action: Clerk**

## 8 PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 8.1 Members considered Cllr Harper's prioritised action plan to address the findings of the playground safety inspection and a quote for the repairs to playground equipment and the removal of a tree stump. It was agreed that the repairs to the equipment and the removal of the tree stump should proceed immediately. The total cost of £3,304.50 to be funded from the £1,327.50 remaining for play area repairs and by virement of £1,977 from the Youth Club worker budget.

## 9 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

- 9.1 Members considered an update on the Christmas Lights event. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk should email all Councillors asking for volunteers to help put the lights up on Saturday 8 December and to help at the event itself on Friday 14 December 2018.  
**Action: Clerk**

## **10 EVENT 29 JUNE 2019**

- 10.1** Members considered a provisional booking of the Community Centre and recreation ground by the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire (whose premises are located opposite the recreation ground on the other side of Mole Road) for a classic car show and picnic in the park event aimed at the local community. The booking is from 8.00 to 18.00 with the event itself running from 10.00 to 16.00. Members heard how the event was a flagship event for 2019 raising funds for the Masonic Charitable Foundation. Members also considered the special relationship between the Parish Council and its near neighbour and the support often granted by the Lodge in terms of making car parking available for events at the recreation ground. Members considered a request for permission to apply for a temporary event notice to sell alcohol on the recreation ground as a contribution to the fund raising planned and agreed to recommend to Full Council that permission be granted. This was contingent upon the Locum Clerk checking that nothing in the bar franchise contract would prevent the Council granting such permission **Action: Clerk**

## **11 ANY OTHER MATTERS**

- 11.1** There were none.

## **12 CORRESPONDENCE**

- 12.1** Two items of correspondence, for information, from Wokingham Borough Council were considered. The first related to the smell of raw sewage at New Road and the second about the siting of a mobile home in a neighbouring parish.

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

- 13.1** The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019** at 7.45pm.