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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.45 PM ON MONDAY 7th JANUARY, 2019 IN THE ALLNATT PAVILION

PRESENT: Cllrs S Hanna (Chairman), G. Harper, P Fishwick, J Southgate, R. Holdstock

In attendance: Philip Stoneman (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Wooldridge and F Breedlove.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Harper declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 8 on the grounds that he was an allotment holder and would not participate in decisions relating to the item.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman advised that a response had not yet been received from Wokingham BC about options for containers on the proposed allotment garden.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

There were no issues to report.

6. R&A PROJECTS 2018-19

The list of current projects was reviewed and were regarded to be on track. Repairs to the roof of the house occupied by the Caretaker had been completed. The works to the play area, designated as high priority, due to health & safety issues, had been ordered and were due to be completed as a matter of urgency. The Clerk advised that hazard tape had been placed around the shelter in the play area, given concerns about the structural integrity of the flooring that was to be replaced as part of the works.

7. R & A BUDGET

Cllr Southgate advised that a budget preparation meeting had been held on the 19th December (attended by himself, Cllr Breedlove, the Clerk and RFO) to review 2018/19 income and expenditure and the likely budget requirements for 2019/20. The financial position for the coming year would be challenging and it would be necessary to re-visit the list of projects for the 2019/20 financial year.

A brief discussion took place about the precept with, as an example, an 11% increase enabling around £25,000 to be allocated for R&A projects. With a lower increase aligned closer to the rate of inflation an allocation of around £21,000 could potentially be made for projects.

The Committee agreed that it would be necessary to prioritise the list of projects and reviewed each project in turn:-

Christmas Lights to remain at £500.

Pavilion House Internal Fixtures £5,000 - low priority.

The committee was advised that the the bathroom was in need of upgrading, including the boxing in of the pipework. This would be investigated further but at this stage the work was considered to be more cosmetic than structural.

Play Area Repairs £2,000 - high priority.

This would be required to cover the costs of play equipment items that may become urgent in 2019/20. **ACTION: Clerk**

Adult Gym and Shelter Matting £11,000 - high priority but the Clerk to explore if this could be funded through CIL.

Cllr. Harper advised that the matting under the gym equipment and play area would become urgent the longer it was left and the Clerk was instructed to seeks quotes for replacement matting. **ACTION: Clerk**

Internal Lights Upgrade (Community Centre) £2,500 - low priority.

Whilst it was agreed that sourcing non-standard lighting tubes may become a problem there were no immediate concerns and the Clerk was instructed to seek advice and quotes from local electrical contractors. **ACTION: Clerk**

Community Centre Building Cladding £11,000 - high priority.

The Committee was advised that this was now urgent as temporary repairs were showing signs of deterioration and water ingress.

Rear Entrance Gates & Posts £2,200 - low priority.

The Clerk was instructed to investigate the condition and safety of the gates and posts. **ACTION: Clerk**

Disabled Parking Resurfacing £4,728 - low priority.

To be deferred to 2020/21.

Allotment Transitioning Costs £1,000.

It was agreed that this item would not be required as Wokingham BC was to reimburse the Parish Council for the costs of transitioning. Any costs over and above that would be considered from the miscellaneous budget. Cllr Harper and the Clerk were asked to calculate the costs to be recovered from Wokingham BC. **ACTION: Cllr Harper/Clerk**

Youth Club Worker £4,000 - high priority.

This would benefit the youth of Winnersh and was likely to incur slightly less expenditure and that would be reviewed

Redecorate Community Hall £6,000 - low priority.

The Community Centre Hall was in need of decoration but it was felt this could wait until 2020/21.

Miscellaneous expenditure to remain at £2,000.

The existing total for R&A projects in 2019/20 was £52,028 and this had now been reduced to £19,500. The list and prioritisation of projects would be further reviewed when the budget setting process had been completed by F&GP and Full Council.

8. ALLOTMENTS

The Chairman confirmed that arrangements were in hand for the allotment meeting on Friday 11th January at 7.00pm and that he had made Wokingham BC aware of some potential questions that may be raised.

The Clerk was instructed to provide an attendance lists that would be populated with the names and contact details of allotment holders so that these could be confirmed by attendees at the meeting. **ACTION: Clerk**

9. PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTION

The Clerk advised that ARD Playgrounds had been sent an official order to carry out the high priority repairs to the play equipment. Cllr Harper had also done further work on prioritising the health and safety works.

10. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS EVENT

The committee regarded this to have been a successful and enjoyable event. The Clerk informed the committee that concerns had been raised by a resident, who had heard about the event through the Winnersh Matters newsletter, about the use of fireworks and the potential distress that could be caused to animals and in his case a rescue dog that he had recently acquired. The resident concerned lived some distance from Bearwood Recreation Ground and would not have been affected. No other concerns had been received.

11. YOUTH GROUP AT THE RAINBOW PARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Chairman and Cllr Harper advised that the youth club was aiming to start operating around Easter time. The committee was advised that a very positive progress meeting had been held last month at Rainbow Park Community Centre and that all outstanding issues had been resolved.

12. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent matters.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk tabled a list of correspondence and went through each item.

Quote of £800 from T's Gardening Services for replacing two damaged bollards in the car park – the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept this quote and have the bollards replaced.

ACTION: Clerk

Quote of £714 from A Solo Security to replace damaged CCTV cables – the Committee **RESOLVED** to accept this quote and have the cables replaced.

ACTION: Clerk

Inspection certificate from Chubb for fire equipment - noted.

Email from Acting Head of Bearwood Primary School asking that the school be considered for future community events - noted and welcomed.

Email from Southern Bar Services offering to assist the charity even on 29th June - Clerk to inform the organiser.

ACTION: Clerk

Email from SCS Landscapes offering a range of additional grounds maintenance services – the Committee **RESOLVED** to the boom spraying of worm casts on the football pitches at £275.

ACTION: Clerk

Invoice of £300 from Berkshire Youth for Universal Safeguarding Children course - the Committee **RESOLVED** to pay this invoice.

ACTION: Clerk

Email from a family member of a new resident at Lord Harris Court raising concerns about wheelchair access to the Community Centre. It was agreed to respond highlighting why the path had been removed because of tree roots causing safety issues.

ACTION: Clerk

Email from Wokingham BC about CIL projects. Concerns that two projects had been included for Winnersh without prior discussion with the Parish Council. The Clerk to respond to Wokingham BC expressing the concerns of the Council that these had not been agreed.

ACTION: Clerk

14. TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Recreation and Amenities Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 5th FEBRUARY, 2019** at 7.45pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.