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Minutes of the **RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held in the Sindlesham Room on **TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019**

PRESENT: Cllrs S Hanna (Chairman), F Breedlove, P Fishwick, G Harper, J Southgate, and L Wooldridge

In attendance: Philip Stoneman (Clerk) and six members of the public.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs K Ross and R Holdstock.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Harper declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5 on the grounds that he was an allotment holder and would not participate in decisions relating to the item.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

The Chairman welcomed six members of the public and invited questions.

3.1 Question: What size would the plots be?

Answer: 10 metres x 12.5 metres (5poles).

3.2 Q: What were the plans for the community orchard?

A: Trees had been ordered from Henry Street garden Centre and these would be planted by the contractor.

3.3 Q: Would a planting party be helpful for the community orchard?

A: Yes, additional support would be welcomed.

3.4 Q: Would there be space for donated trees?

A: Yes, space would be available, and it would be best to wait until the trees, that had been purchased, were planted.

- 3.5 Q: Could lockers/storage space be provided for the seed bank?
A: Yes, provision would be made.
- 3.6 Q: Had dates, for helping to move plants/equipment, been offered?
A: Yes, Wokingham Borough Council had proposed some dates and those details would be shared with allotment holders as soon as possible.
- 3.7 Q: Transport – could the lorry be parked on the concrete hardstanding?
A: As WBC had advised that transport would not be able to drive across the allotment garden it was agreed that the Clerk would seek confirmation that the vehicle to be used for transport would park on the concrete hardstanding close to the gate.
- 3.8 Q: Why were the water taps pointing in towards the plots and not outward?
A: This was intentional and standard practice, avoiding the risk of vehicles hitting the taps.
- 3.9 Q: Why was the water turned off at the existing allotment?
A: The water had been turned off as there was a leak in the system and because the site was due be handed back to WBC.
- 3.10 Q: Will existing tap keys fit the new water taps?
A: Yes, they are compatible.
- 3.11 Q: Is the new allotment garden to be named?
A: That hadn't been considered. Possibly 'Winnersh Allotments' or 'Woodward Close Allotments' but that would be given further thought.
- 3.12 Q: Will a celebrity gardener be invited to be part of the formal opening?
A: That was considered a good idea and consideration would be given to who that could be.

The public session ended at 20.20 and all members of the public left the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- 4.1 The Clerk to send a digital version of the Re3cyclopedia app to Cllr Southgate so that it could be put on the WPC website. **ACTION: CLERK**
- 4.2 The quality of the CCTV recordings, and a defective camera, to be investigated. **ACTION:CLERK**
- 4.3 Following a suggestion that uncultivated plots be covered with a ground cover material, Cllr Harper had investigated the cost which was £130 (inclusive of VAT) per 15metre x 5 metre role (£65 per plot). The plastic pegs were £7.50 for 100. Cllr Hanna proposed that three rolls and plastic pegs be purchased, and it was unanimously **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk and Cllr Harper raise a purchase order. Cllr Harper also agreed to investigate whether any discount would be available for bulk purchase. **ACTION: CLLR HARPER/CLERK**

5. ALLOTMENTS

- 5.1 The Committee was updated on progress and correspondence from Wokingham Borough Council (WBC).
- 5.2 The Clerk advised on the Move Plan and four dates put forward by WBC.
- 5.3 Concern was raised about the redesigned ditch that would now be wider and deeper than originally planned. It was agreed that this would be discussed with Wokingham Borough Council as the Parish Council would not want to take responsibility for a ditch that could present H&S issues.
- 5.4 The meeting between WBC and the Parish Council, to discuss progress and delays on the delivery of the new allotment garden, was agreed by the Allotment Sub-Committee to be 10 April at 16.30 at WPC Community Centre.
- 5.5 The Clerk was asked to remind WBC that a 4-week period would still be required between when the new allotment garden would be available, and the existing site would be handed back to WBC. **ACTION: CLERK**

6. WINNERSH HALL AND ALLNATT PAVILION LIGHTING

The Clerk informed the Committee that quotes had been received from three electrical contractors for the replacement of fluorescent lighting tubes with LED lighting in the Winnersh Hall and Allnatt Pavilion. The quotes ranged between £2,100+VAT and £2,720+VAT. Cllr Breedlove proposed, and it was **AGREED** and **RESOLVED** to progress with the work if CIL funding could be allocated. The Clerk was asked to investigate the use of CIL funding with WBC. **ACTION: CLERK**

7. SOLAR ENERGY

Cllr Harper updated the Committee on the recent attempts to ensure that the maximum permissible amount of solar energy was being harvested from the solar panels but that there were still problems with the system. The Clerk advised that a proposal was being prepared from a local company to investigate the problem.

8. THE BIG TIDY UP - LITTER PICK

- 8.1 Cllr Hanna advised that the event had been very successful with over 50 bags of litter collected on the day. The event had been received positively with over forty participants including many local scouts and their Leaders and parents.
- 8.2 For the next event it was requested that more litter picker sticks should be obtained, as these had run out on the day.
- 8.3 Cllr Fishwick had posted a thank you to all concerned on social media and had been asked about more frequent events. Cllr Hanna suggested that those interested in

supporting the initiative should be encouraged to take part in the ‘adopt-a- street’ campaign.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 A list of correspondence was tabled and noted.

9.2 The email from WBC about the food waste collection service had highlighted some problems with the collection of refuse /re-cycling with some residents seeing delays in when the collections were taking place. There had also been problems with the rollout of food containers with some residents receiving double the number of containers whereas other residents had not received any containers.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS

There were no urgent items.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019 at 19.45.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.52.