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Minutes of the **RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE** meeting held at the
Winnersh Community Centre on **Tuesday 6 December 2022**

Present: Cllrs: G Harper, S Hanna, J Southgate

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs L Doyle, K Bradeepan, R Nicholson

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Harper declared an interest in that he is a tenant at Winnersh Allotments

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on the 1 November 2022

7.1 Four new strings of Christmas lights have been purchased and installed in the trees fronting the Pavilion.

8.3 Replacement of Agility Climber + Sliding Beam with toddler slide to be included in next years budget

8.4 Play area has been swept to get rid of leaves etc.

9.2 It was agreed at Full Council that the CIL money that must be spent by 31 March 2023 would be spent on installing solar energy storage batteries.

4. Public Session: There were no members of the public in attendance.

5. Winnersh Allotments: to receive an update

5.1 There are three annual rents still outstanding. They are to be contacted and given seven days to pay their rent or their plot will be reallocated. **ACTION: CELO**

5.2 National Highways have started works and have created their compound and the entrance via the allotments. They have also started to build the scaffolding necessary for them to undertake the repair work to the M4 railway bridge.

6. Playground Equipment

6.1 Inspection: The recent playground report from ARD was noted. There are seven RED items listed. Quotes to be requested from ARD for their repair.

ACTION: CELO

6.2 Update on playground repairs. The ARD quote to repair the seal on the carousel

supernova, £355 + vat was approved.

ACTION: CELO

7. Capital Budgets and 2022/23 budget

7.1 The Capital budgets for 2022/23 were reviewed and it was agreed that an effort would be made to complete more of them in this financial year.

- i) Path Repair – quotes being obtained **ACTION:Cllr Harper**
- ii) Ramp to Sindlesham Room – to be included in path repair work
- iii) Toilets – Lee Norris, architect, made a site visit and will provide options on refurbishing the Hall toilets. His quote for providing options is £650 which was approved. He said that the disabled toilets in the Hall need refurbishing. This will be treated as a separate project and quotes are to be obtained.
ACTION:Cllr Harper
- iv) Main Hall floor- floor company was contacted and made site visit. Representatives from Ballroom Dancing also attended. The floor can be refurbished at least one more time. The work to be done on dates to be agreed in August 2023. The quote is £8609.44 + VAT. However due to the future date the price for the sealant is subject to change. Negotiations are in hand to try and minimise any future increase. **ACTION:Cllr Harper**
- v) Low level/dimmable lighting in Hall and Sindlesham Room: electrician has made site visit and report and quote awaited. **ACTION:Cllr Harper**
- vi) Curtains/blinds in Community Hall/Sindlesham Room/Alnatt Pavilion. Quotes are being obtained. **ACTION: Cllr Doyle**
- vii) Doors - completed
- viii) CCTV - completed

8. Capital Projects for 2023/24

8.1 There was a further discussion on what Capital Projects could be included for 2023/24. It was agreed that the Future Projects do need to be reviewed as they could impact on what was included for next year.

8.2 Suggestions put forward :

- Relay the tarmac for the disabled parking area to eradicate the pools of water when it rains
- Replenish gravel in non tarmac parking areas as they currently form large puddles in heavy rain.
- Refurbish stairs to Parish Offices
- Disabled lift to Parish Offices
- Café
- Remove bar in Sindlesham Room and refurbish
- Replace some equipment in playground as it is getting old and expensive to repair
- Replace Agility Climber + Sliding Beam with toddler slide

9. Residence Correspondence regarding Noise Levels at Winnersh Community Centre

9.1 A local resident complained about the noise level at a recent event held on a Saturday night in the Community Centre hall and called WBC Anti Social Behaviour who attended. They found the noise levels were within acceptable limit and took no action nor has there been any follow up action. The purchase of a decibel monitor was approved so that WPC can monitor noise levels in future. **ACTION: CELO**

10. Animal Welfare Policy

- 10.1 A local resident who attended a bird show at the Community Centre hall expressed concern about the welfare of the birds exhibited. It has been suggested that WPC need an Animal Welfare Policy for hirers. This will be referred to the next F&P meeting for consideration.

ACTION: CELO

11. Review of Concessions to Hall Hirers

- 11.1 Recently due to the absence of both the permanent caretaker and relief caretaker caused by illness a hirer was not able to gain entrance at their normal time. As a concession to this regular hirer they are allowed into the Hall an hour earlier than they pay for. The emergency caretaker was unaware of this concession as it was not on his list. It was agreed that all similar concessions be reviewed with a view to incorporating them into the booking at no extra cost.

ACTION: CELO

12. Council Office development

- 12.1 There is a proposal to remove the bar area in the Sindlesham Room and replace it with an internal staircase and disabled lift up to the John Grobler Room and Council Offices. Budgetary plans and quote have been obtained. Unfortunately, this information was not made available to all members of R&A in time for the meeting and therefore will be held over to the next R&A meeting in January.

ACTION: CELO

13. Correspondence: to receive items of correspondence

- 13.1 Other local parishes have been in contact with WBC about taking responsibility for their street lamps. WBC have declined due to current financial position. Apparently WBC believe that WPC has responsibility for two street lamps. This is not the case as the last two street lamps in Raynard Close were handed over to WBC some years ago.

14. Any other matters considered urgent by the Chairman - None

15. Date and time of the next meeting: Tuesday 3 January 2023, 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 21.00.