

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 23 MAY 2017 AT 7.45 P.M.
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mrs Fraser, Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood, Ms Kift, Mr Ridley, Mr Robinson (Chairman), Ms Robinson, Mr Taylor, Mr Wood and Mr Woolley.

The Clerk was in attendance.

BEAT THE STREET

Ms Stanley from Intelligent Health gave a presentation on the Beat the Street initiative coming to Heathfield from the 7 June 2017. Information would be circulated to all Members and posters and leaflets would be held in the office.

The Meeting commenced at 7.57 p.m.

43/17 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Mr Woolley took the Chair and invited nominations for Chairman. Mr Robinson was nominated by Mr Hart, seconded by Mr Taylor and, following a vote, was re-elected as Chairman of the Committee.

Mr Robinson took the Chair and invited nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mrs Fraser nominated Mr Woolley, seconded by Mr Taylor. Following a vote, Mr Woolley was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

44/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hatcher, Mr Hough, Mr South and Mr Waterhouse.

45/17 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

All Members of the Parish Council had an interest in respect of the sole trusteeship of Waldron Recreation Ground Charity.

Mr Hart disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Broad Oak Village Hall as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

46/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 29 March 2017, and the Extra-Ordinary meeting of 19 April 2017, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

47/17 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

48/17 **BUDGETARY MONITORING REPORTS AS AT 31 MARCH 2017**

The Chairman reported that there were no updates regarding the NHS charges for the Heathfield Community Centre. The Committee approved the reports as at 31 March 2017.

49/17 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

49/17a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

There were no matters to report.

43/17b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify use of the recreation ground by the Stoolball Club subject to clarification that the Club held the necessary public liability insurance.

49/17c **Tower Recreation Ground**

Letter received from Ms Green

The Committee noted that since writing the letter, the problem of litter and anti-social behaviour at the recreation ground had lessened and the Council's contractor had carried out additional bin emptying.

The letter referred to CCTV and the Committee noted that the existing cameras were still operational, but not monitored. They would, however, be used to obtain evidence during any investigations into incidents.

It was noted that funding might be available through LATs from the Safer Wealden Partnership.

49/17d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report

49/17e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

The erection of new fencing adjoining the road was still being pursued.

49/17f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

There were no matters to report.

49/17g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

The Committee noted that the planning application for a new pavilion at the Cypress Field, belonging to the Rugby Club, had been submitted, which would also involve

the creation of a new car park above the existing one serving the Bowls and Tennis Clubs.

A complaint had been received about the condition of the access from the Tennis Club, who considered that it was becoming unsafe. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council's contractor be asked to make an urgent site visit so that works to make it safe could be carried out. The Committee considered that any major works needed should be postponed until the timetable for the Rugby Club's expansion works was known.

49/17h **Leeves Common Play Area**

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the erection of a flower planter in the play area. Members noted that it was already in place and planted up.

49/17i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

Football Party on 3 June 2017

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the permission given for use of the recreation ground, subject to the usual conditions.

49/17j **Heathfield Community Centre**

(i) Review of hiring fees

It was agreed that the current hiring fees were at a suitable level to encourage use of the Centre and that they should not be increased in this financial year.

(ii) Update on NHS charges

It had been noted by the Committee that the situation remained unchanged.

49/17k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

49/17l **Jubilee Park**

Meeting with Sheepsetting Lane Neighbourhood Watch

The Chairman and the Clerk had met with representatives of the SLNW who reported that there had been a number of incidents of anti-social behaviour. However, only some of these had been reported to the Police and it was emphasised that every incident should be reported to allow a log to be built up.

It was suggested by SLNW that a meeting be set up with other NW groups to discuss matters of mutual interest and support.

49/17m **Skatepark**

A quotation had been received for a new style of bin from Glasdon and it was **RESOLVED** that a polymer “Sherwood” litter bin should be installed at a cost of £335.38 plus £90 fixing + VAT.

50/17 **INSURANCE COVER FOR VILLAGE HALLS AND OTHER PREMISES**

There was discussion as to whether insurance cover should be recharged to the village halls. The Clerk reported that the legal documents in each case were different but most did not include a clause allowing reimbursement of insurance costs. It was considered that, in view of the cost of progressing further and the limited financial benefit, that the Parish Council should continue to pay for insurance and not recharge the cost.

51/17 **GENERAL WORKS CONTRACT**

The Committee noted that the unsuccessful and successful Tenderers had been notified and a site visit would take place with Agrifactors at the start of the new contract.

52/17 **CHILDREN’S PLAY AREA – TREETOPS**

The Committee noted that a request had been received from a resident of this estate asking whether the Parish Council would take over maintenance of the play area which was used by children from surrounding areas, not just the Treetops estate.

The Clerk reported that the S106 Planning Agreement for the estate stated that a Management Company should be set up to maintain the play area and also an area of woodland and ghyll at the bottom of the estate. This had been done, but residents were querying the costs involved.

The Committee agreed that maintenance of the play area should not be taken on by the Parish Council as it was not in line with the legal agreement and would set a precedent for other play areas on residential estates being built in the town.

53/17 **GREEN LANE OPEN SPACES**

It was noted with concern that nothing further had happened with regard to tree work and this would be chased up.

54/17 **DARCH’S WOOD**

There were no matters to report at this time.

55/17 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

There were no matters to report.

56/17 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

There were no matters to report.

57/17 **SEATS/LITTER BINS/BUS SHELTERS/NOTICEBOARDS**

The Chairman reported that a report and plans for the area at the end of the Cuckoo Train would be prepared in due course.

58/17 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Condition of driveway and car park to Bowls and Tennis Club – Mr R Wood

This matter had been discussed at Minute 43/17g.

59/17 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

The situation regarding CCTV had been noted.

60/17 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

It had been agreed that works to make safe the driveway to the Tennis and Bowls Clubs at Hardy Roberts should be carried out as soon as possible.

61/17 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 18 July 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Parish Council Meeting Room, 73 High Street, Heathfield or upon the rising of the Burial Grounds and Amenities Committee which meets at 7.15 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: