

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 8.00 P.M.
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood, Ms Kift, Mr Landreth, Mr Waterhouse, Mr Wood and Mr Woolley. Mr Rivers was also present.

2 representatives of Cross-in-Hand Bowls Club and District Cllr Cade were also present.

The Clerk was in attendance.

CROSS-IN-HAND BOWLS CLUB

The representatives from the Club spoke to the Committee regarding plans to apply for lottery grant funding for new changing rooms and toilet facilities.

The Meeting commenced at 8.10 p.m.

14/51 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Mackie, Mr Ridley and Mr Taylor.

14/52 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

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

In addition:

Mr Chambers disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Waldron Cricket Club as a Member of the Club and a Member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

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

Mr Waterhouse disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of the request for a memorial seat at Waldron Recreation Ground as his company had conducted the funeral of the person being remembered.

Mr Woolley disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Heathfield Dragons because of connections with the Club.

14/53 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 4 June 2014 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/54 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

14/55 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2014**

The Committee noted and approved the report.

14/56 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 AUGUST 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve emergency works totalling £195.00 + VAT.

14/57 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

14/57a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

The Committee noted that the Hall had been redecorated and the Management Committee had asked if the Waldron Recreation Ground Charity would pay for new curtains. This would be put to the Trustees at the next meeting.

14/57b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

It was noted that permission had been given for a Bonfire and Fireworks Event on 25 October 2014.

14/57c **Tower Recreation Ground**

(a) **Continued use by Heathfield Dragons Football Club of football pitch at Tower Recreation Ground**

The Clerk reported that discussions had taken place between the Heathfield Dragons and Horam and Broad Oak Junior Football Club regarding continued shared use of the ground and agreement had been reached.

It was **RESOLVED** to allow Heathfield Dragons to continue use of the upper pitch at Tower Recreation Ground with use of the lower pitch by agreement with BOJFC.

Mr Woolley left the room during consideration of the above item

(b) **Replacement cradle swing**

It was noted that the swing seat needed to be replaced following an incident where the Fire and Rescue Service had had to cut a child out of the seat. The condition of the remaining seat was queried and the contractor would be asked to check it.

14/57d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

It was **RESOLVED** that a seat be installed inside the play area, the cost of which would be confirmed at the next meeting.

14/57e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

14/57f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

The electrical works to the Hall had now been carried out and grant applications were in the process of being submitted in respect of a new boiler.

14/57g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

There were no matters to report.

14/57h **Leeves Common Play Area**

It was reported that complaints had been received from the occupier of the adjacent property about footballs overshooting the MUGA and hitting his house and garden. Mr Woolley had visited him and confirmed that damage had been caused as a result of this nuisance and the situation had now become urgent.

The Parish Council's contractor had provided a quotation for new 6m high netting with concrete posts at 3m centres. The cost of fencing both goal ends would be in the region of £11,000 and it was **RESOLVED** that new (powder coated) fencing be provided to the affected goal end only at a cost of £5,500 + VAT. Consideration would be given to fencing the other goal end if considered necessary.

14/57i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

Meeting with Sheepsetting Lane Residents Association

It was noted that this meeting would take place on 3rd October 2014 and the Association were seeking measures to address anti-social behaviour at the Community Centre.

14/57j **Heathfield Community Centre**

It was agreed that a meeting of the Heathfield Community Centre Sub-Committee should be arranged to consider improvements and refurbishments needed at the Centre. The Members of the Sub-Committee to be Mrs Clark, Mr Taylor, Mr Woolley, Mrs Holmwood and Mr Hart (reserve).

14/57k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

(a) Request for bench in recreation ground

A request had been received for permission to install a memorial seat at Waldron Recreation Ground. It was **RESOLVED** that permission be granted subject to the

purchase and installation costs being borne by the applicant.

Mr Waterhouse left the meeting room during consideration of the above item.

(b) Replacement swing

The Committee noted that one of the swings had been removed for repair.

14/571 **Jubilee Park**

Party in the grounds on Saturday 9 August 2014

It was reported that a party had taken place in the grounds on 9 August 2014 and an urgent decision had been taken by the Chairman of the Committee with the Assistant Clerk to provide attendance by the caretakers at the event, which had originally been planned to take place at the Community Centre.

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify the expenditure in the sum of £270.00

14/57m **Skatepark**

(a) Complaints regarding excessive litter

The Clerk reported that there had been excessive amounts of litter at the skatepark during recent weeks and the Council's Contractors were now clearing the site every day.

(b) Report from Street Pastors/Youth Council about improvements

The Street Pastors had been approached by some of the young people about possible improvements to the skatepark. The Clerk reported that she had carried out a site inspection with the contractor and all the equipment was in a good condition, the only defect being two missing bolts which had now been replaced.

It was unknown exactly what the young people wanted and Co-ordinator for the Street Pastors had been asked for additional information with a view to a meeting taking place with the young people concerned.

14/58 **TREES ON THE GREEN LANE ESTATE**

Emergency work to fell tree on land to rear of 3 Larch Close

The Council's contractor had confirmed that this tree was dangerous as it was growing at an extreme angle and deemed to be in danger of falling on the property. It was **RESOLVED** that it be removed as a matter of urgency.

14/59 **LAND AT JUNCTION OF A265/A267**

This piece of land was known as the "Roundabout Land" as it was originally donated to the Parish Council for use by the County Council for a roundabout at the junction. ESCC had subsequently stated that there was insufficient room for a roundabout but the covenants in the Deed precluded use for any other purpose. The

County Council had now reported that the highway drainage was not working properly due to a blocked ditch on this land. A quotation for ditching and clearing work had been obtained from C and E Davis Limited (the Council's Contractor) in the sum of £1,225 + VAT and it was **RESOLVED** that this work be carried out.

14/60 **DARCH'S WOOD**

It was reported that Cross in Hand Amenities Society Working Party had painted the bridge.

14/61 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

There were no matters to report.

14/62 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

There were no matters to report

14/63 **SEATS/LITTER BINS/BUS SHELTERS**

A query was raised about the possibility of providing proper seats inside some of the bus shelters. The Clerk explained that the angled seats were standard from most manufacturers as they discouraged rough sleepers.

14/64 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

14/65 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

The attendance of the caretakers during the party at Jubilee Park was approved by the Committee as a measure to try and prevent anti-social behaviour at the event.

14/66 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The provision of additional fencing at Leeves Common and repairs to swings at Tower Recreation Ground and Waldron were considered to be risk management measures.

14/67 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 25 November 2014 in the Parish Council Meeting Rooms starting at 8.00 pm or upon the rising of the Burial Grounds and Amenities Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.32 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: