

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Ms Kift, Mr Taylor, Mr Wood and Mr Woolley
(Vice-Chairman, in the Chair).

The Clerk was in attendance.

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON RUGBY CLUB

Mr Rhodes from Heathfield and Waldron Rugby Club was also present and outlined the Club's plans for improvements to the ground and Clubhouse. These included a new all-weather surface for the training area, a new Clubhouse on the Cypress Field and a shared entrance to the Cypress Field, Tennis and Bowls Club with improved parking. It was also planned that an all-weather path would be provided alongside the roadside hedge to provide better access between the areas of the playing fields.

The extension to the existing Clubhouse would include new kitchen facilities, new changing rooms and improved bar area.

The Meeting commenced at 7.59 p.m.

15/01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Ridley, Mr Rivers and Mr Waterhouse.

15/02 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

Ms Kift disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of the Rugby Club as a Social Member of the Club

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

15/03 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 25 November 2014, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

15/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

15/05 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2014**

The Committee noted and approved the report.

15/06 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 OCTOBER 2014**

It was **RESOLVED** to ratify and approve emergency works in respect of tree works on land rear of Larch Close, Heathfield at a cost of £985.00 + VAT.

15/07 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

15/08a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

Mr Chambers reported that the new curtains were in place. The Hall Committee were planning to erect a screen over the East window and the exterior of the Hall would be re-painted. The financial situation was satisfactory.

15/08b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

The Committee approved a request for the erection of a marquee for wedding celebrations on the 18th July, subject to the usual conditions regarding insurance, removal of litter and removal of the marquee on the following day.

15/08c **Tower Recreation Ground**

The Committee considered a request to use the car park for a water station during the British Heart Foundation London to Eastbourne bike ride on 12 September. It was agreed that permission should be granted subject to agreement with the football clubs.

15/08d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

15/08e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

15/08f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

It was noted that there were plans to remove or reduce the leylandii hedge between the hall and neighbouring property. This followed the falling of a large branch from one of the trees during recent high winds.

15/08g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

Development plans by Rugby Club

The Committee noted the plans outlined for the future development of the Club and awaited further details once these were available.

15/08h **Leeves Common Play Area**

The Committee noted that no further problems had been reported since the installation of the additional fencing to the MUGA.

15/08i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

15/08j **Heathfield Community Centre**

It was reported that the NHS Property Services had decided not to pursue the erection of a gate or barrier to the car park, on the grounds that it would not enhance the patient experience or environment.

The Committee noted the decision.

15/08k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

The Committee noted that the new season of cricket was due to commence. The new net was due to be erected in the Autumn and the cricket square had been renovated.

It was noted that the fencing around the car park would need repairs in the near future and the situation would be monitored.

15/08l **Jubilee Park**

Request for additional dog bin

It was agreed that costings should be obtained for this together with proposed siting details.

Breach in Fencing

The Committee noted that the fencing onto the adjoining field had been broken and a quote had been obtained for either stock proof fencing or deer fencing. It was **RESOLVED** that stock proof fencing should be installed by the Council's contractor at an approximate cost of £200.

15/08m **Skatepark**

It was noted that no further communication had been received from the young people or the Street Pastors regarding equipment at the Skatepark.

The Clerk reported that an insurance claim had been made regarding an injury to a minor falling onto glass at the Skatepark and the insurance company were in the process of investigating the claim.

During a routine inspection, it was noted that two bolts were missing from an item of equipment and these were replaced the same day.

15/09 **TREES ON THE GREEN LANE ESTATE**

There were no matters to report.

15/10 **DARCH'S WOOD**

The Committee noted and approved a report regarding planned maintenance from the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society.

15/11 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

The Committee considered a quotation for replacing the tree outside Sue's shoes in the High Street. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quotation from the Council's contractor in the sum of £280 plus VAT.

It was noted that the tree outside 92 High Street was not looking very healthy and would be monitored.

15/12 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

There were no matters to report

15/13 **SEATS/LITTER BINS/BUS SHELTERS**

There were no matters to report.

15/14 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

15/15 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

The breach in the fencing at the Jubilee Park was considered to be as a result of anti-social behaviour and would be repaired.

15/16 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The missing bolts had been identified as a health and safety risk at the Skatepark and had been replaced straightaway.

15/17 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 27th May 2015 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 9.09 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: