

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY 24 MARCH 2014 AT 8.15 P.M.
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Ms Bowdler, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mr Hart (Vice-Chairman in the Chair), Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Mackie, Mr Taylor, Mr Waterhouse and Mr Woodhouse.

1 member of the public was also present.

The Clerk was in attendance.

14/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Baker, Mr Bowdler and Mr Landreth.

14/18 **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

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

Mr Baker disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Darch's Wood as a Member of the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society

14/19 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 28 January 2014, having been previously circulated, be then confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

14/20 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

14/21 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2014**

The Committee noted and approved the report.

14/22 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 JANUARY 2014**

There were none.

14/23 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

14/23a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

The Committee noted that new fencing was required around the Lucas Hall House and this would be considered by the Charity Trustees.

Mr Chambers reported that the Hall was breaking even and a new yoga class had started.

14/23b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

Mrs Clark reported that repairs to the car park had been carried out very quickly. The mortgage on the Hall should be finished in December.

14/23c **Tower Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

14/23d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

14/23e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

The Committee noted that the fencing to the play area had been repaired.

14/23f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

It was noted that following the resignation of Mrs Plant, a new signatory would be required on the Village Hall account.

Wealden District Council had now confirmed a grant of £5,000 towards electrical and heating works following the Parish Council's award of a £3,000 grant.

14/23g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

There were no matters to report.

14/23h **Leeves Common Play Area**

It was reported that Unity Community Association were looking at the future of the Association. The remedial works to the play area were now finished.

14/23i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

14/23j **Heathfield Community Centre**

The Committee noted that the next meeting with the NHS Trust would take place on 9th April 2014.

The main priority continued to be replacement of the Chairs for the Hall and a decision regarding possible contribution by the NHS was awaited. The Committee noted that the carpet was nearing the end of its life and consideration would need to be given to re-carpeting or other flooring.

14/23k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

A meeting of the Waldron Recreation Ground Sub-Committee had taken place on 25th February. Mr Chambers reported that the cricket ground had been renovated and the new nets should be in place in the Autumn.

It was noted that a lot of damage to the ground was being caused by rabbits and the advice of the Council's Contractor would be sought in this regard.

14/23l **Jubilee Park**

There were no matters to report.

14/23m **Skatepark**

There were no matters to report.

14/24 **TREES ON THE GREEN LANE ESTATE**

It was noted that the dangerous tree to the rear of 17 The Oaks had been removed.

14/25 **DARCH'S WOOD**

The Committee noted that the work to the culvert had been carried out.

14/26 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

There were no matters to report.

14/27 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the Contractors working at 58 – 62 High Street had confirmed that they would re-paint the railings which had been damaged during the erection of the scaffolding, at the completion of the works.

14/28 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

14/29 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were none.

14/30 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Committee noted a potential risk of injury to players using the ground at Waldron due to rabbit holes. Remedial measures would be investigated.

14/31 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 19 May 2014 in the Parish Council Meeting Rooms starting at 8.15 pm or upon the rising of the Burial Grounds and Amenities Committee.

The meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: