

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY 20 MAY 2013 AT 8.00 PM
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mr M Baker, Mr Bowdler, Ms Bowdler, Mrs Clark, Mr Hart,
Mr Landreth, Mrs Plant (Chairman) and Mr Waterhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

13/30 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Mr Hart took the Chair and Mrs Clark nominated Mrs Plant for Chairman, seconded by Mr Baker. Mrs Plant was unanimously re-elected Chairman of the Committee and re-took the Chair. Mrs Plant nominated Mr Hart for Vice-Chairman, seconded by Mr Bowdler. Mr Hart was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

13/31 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Holmwood, Mr Taylor and Mr Woodhouse.

13/32 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

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

Mrs Plant and Mr M Baker disclosed pecuniary interests in respect of Darch's Wood arising from their membership of the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society, of which both were Committee Members.

In addition to the above, all Members of the Parish Council had an interest in respect of the sole trusteeship of Waldron Recreation Ground Charity.

Mr M Baker disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Cross-in-Hand Village Hall as a member of the Committee and Mrs Plant disclosed a pecuniary interest as Treasurer and authorised signatory.

13/33 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 26 March 2013 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/34 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

13/35 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 MARCH 2013**

Mr Hart queried expenditure at Broad Oak and would ask the Assistant Clerk to clarify. The reports were noted and approved by the Committee.

13/36 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 MARCH 2013**

The Committee noted and **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure totalling £646.10 + VAT.

13/37 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

13/37a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

The tenants of the House had requested permission to move the side gate into the garden. It was agreed that permission should be granted, but they would be responsible for replacing any hedging.

13/37b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

The Committee noted that all was going well and social events were taking place in the Hall.

13/37c **Tower Recreation Ground**

The Chairman reported that 3 convector heaters had been left on in the Pavilion, resulting in a large electricity bill. The Football Club had been contacted and had now paid the bill. They had also been reminded of the health and safety risks of leaving electrical items on when the pavilion was unoccupied.

13/37d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/37e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/37f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

The Chairman reported that she had reminded the Chairman of the Committee that an AGM was needed.

13/37g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

The Committee noted that the tree overhanging the tennis courts would be removed at the Tennis Club's cost and that Wealden District Council had given approval for its removal.

13/37h **Leeves Common Play Area**

There were no matters to report.

13/37i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/37j **Heathfield Community Centre**

The Chairman reported on the health and safety inspection carried out in April which had not raised any issues.

A meeting with the PCT had taken place and a procedure had been agreed for fire safety checks.

13/37k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

It was noted that a Cycling Club had used the car park for one of their events.

13/37l **Jubilee Park**

There were no matters to report.

13/37m **Skatepark**

There were no matters to report

13/38 **DARCH'S WOOD**

The fund-raising Auction of Promises had been very successful and approximately £2,500 had been raised. A programme of clearance works was being agreed with the Amenities Society which would be carried out by Agrifactors Ltd. The Committee expressed appreciation to the Chairman for all her hard work.

13/39 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

13/40 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no implications under the above Act arising from matters discussed at the meeting.

13/41 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risk management implications in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

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DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting would be held on Tuesday 23 July 2013 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 9.38 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: