

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
MONDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 8.15 PM
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mr M Baker, Mr Bowdler, Ms Bowdler, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Plant (Chairman), Mr Taylor,

District Councillor Ray Cade was also present.
The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

13/57 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

13/58 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

Mrs Plant disclosed a pecuniary interest in respect of Darch's Wood arising from her membership of the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society, of which she is a Committee Member.

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.

Mrs Plant disclosed a pecuniary interest as Treasurer and authorised signatory of the Cross-in- Hand Village Hall.

In addition:

Ms Bowdler disclosed a direct pecuniary interest in respect of the community shelter proposal as an employee of Heathfield Works.

Mr Hough and Mr Chambers disclosed pecuniary interests in respect of Waldron Cricket Club as Members of the Club

Mr Bowdler disclosed personal interests in respect of Heathfield Works and Punnetts Town Village Hall as Parish Council representative.

13/59 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation Committee meeting held on 23 July 2013 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13/60 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Assistant Clerk to confirm if Japanese Knotweed at Hardy Roberts had been sprayed by contractor.

13/61 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 JULY 2013**

The Committee noted the above report.

13/62 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 JULY 2013**

There were none.

13/63 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

13/63a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

It was reported that all was running smoothly. A letter had been received from the Tenants of Lucas Hall House for permission to install an electric shower at the property. This will be added to the Waldron Recreation Ground Charity Agenda on 12th November 2013.

13/63b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

It was reported that the hall was well used and was running smoothly.

13/63c **Tower Recreation Ground**

It was noted that the drainage for the football pitch was being looked at. It was agreed to ask the football club (Broad Oak Boys) for a contribution towards the costs of the work.

13/63d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/63e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

13/63f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

It was noted that the Cross in Hand Village Hall were required to hold an AGM. It was agreed to remind them of this at the next Hardy Roberts Playing Field Association Annual General Meeting.

13/63g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

It was noted that the Annual General Meeting was due on 5th November 2013. It was agreed that due to parking problems the "No parking" sign should be moved towards the front of the pavilion. The Assistant Clerk will contact the contractor and ask him to carry out the work. It was also agreed that the Assistant Clerk should

write to Groombridges and politely ask them not to park their vehicles in the car park.

13/63h **Verbal Report on Cross in Hand Fete**

The Parish Council understand the event went well and was well attended. It was hoped a full report would be given at the forthcoming Hardy Roberts AGM.

13/63i **Leeves Common Play Area**

The Assistant Clerk will confirm with the contractor what repairs are required at the site and a quotation for the work will be considered at the next LER meeting in November.

13/63j **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

It was noted that a new dog warden would soon be in place and the fouling situation would soon improve.

13/63j **Heathfield Community Centre**

No update.

13/63k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

The Committee praised the work of Chris Davis and his team. It was noted that Cricket Nets will be considered at the Waldron Recreation Ground Charity meeting on the 12 November 2013.

13/63l **Jubilee Park**

It was agreed to erect an additional sign at the main entrance to Jubilee Park to ask that “dogs are kept on leads and that owners clear up after their dogs”.

13/63m **Skatepark**

It was noted a new bin had been installed.

13/64 **DARCH'S WOOD**

Mrs Plant advised the committee that paths through Darch's Wood would be closed for a period of 24 hours due to heavy vehicular activity on 28th September 2013. It was planned to extend the boardwalk using funds from Identified Reserves.

13/65 **HIGH STREET PLANTING**

Planting for 2014

The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Europlants for planting for 2014.

13/66 **HIGH STREET FURNITURE**

There were no matters to report. Mrs Plant asked if all street furniture owned by the Parish Council could be identified.

13/67 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

13/68 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no crime and disorder implications in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

13/69 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

A risk was identified at Leeves Common play area.

13/70 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would be held on Monday 18 November 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 20.35 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: