

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
TUESDAY 31 JULY 2012 AT 7.30 PM
AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES

PRESENT: Mr M Baker, Ms Bowdler, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Plant (Chairman), Mr Taylor, Mr Wood and Mr Waterhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

4 Members of the public were also present.

MEMORIAL BENCH

Mrs Tichband spoke to the Committee regarding the installation of a seat at Waldron Recreation Ground in memory of her late Father and Mother.

ADOPT-A-TREE SCHEME

Mrs Mackenzie spoke to the Committee regarding this Scheme.

The Meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

12/49 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bowdler, Mrs Mackie, Mr Newnham, Mr Smith and Mr Woodhouse.

12/50 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

Mrs Plant and Mr Baker disclosed pecuniary interests in respect of Darch's Wood arising from their membership of the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society.

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 Chambers disclosed non-pecuniary interests in respect of Waldron Recreation Ground and the Lucas Memorial Hall as a member of the Committee.

Mr Bowdler disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in respect of Punnetts Town Village Hall as a member of the Committee.

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 an authorised signatory.

Mr Waterhouse disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in respect of a memorial seat at Waldron having conducted the funeral of the applicant's Mother.

12/51 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation meeting held on 15 May 2012 and the Extra-Ordinary meetings of 11 and 27 June 2012 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/52 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

12/53 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 30 JUNE 2012**

The Committee noted and approved the report.

12/54 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 30 2012**

It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve expenditure on emergency works in the total of £105 + VAT

12/55 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

12/55a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

Hall Clock

The Committee noted that the Management Committee were proposing to install a new clock in the Hall and had asked about the possible sale of the existing one. The matter would be discussed by the Trustees of the Charity on 11 September 2012.

12/55b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

There were no matters to report.

12/55c **Tower Recreation Ground**

The Committee noted that there had been recent incidents of barbeques taking place at the Ground resulting in a lot of litter and people had got onto the roof of the pavilion.

12/55d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

12/55e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

Additional Dog Bin

A request had been received that an additional dog bin be installed at the Village Hall as the existing bin was inadequate. The Committee noted that as the Parish Council already paid for the emptying of the existing bin and any additional bin would be on land belonging to the Village Hall, that the request be refused. It was also noted that the Broad Oak Village Hall Committee would be discussing the matter at their next meeting.

12/55f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

There were no matters to report.

12/55g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

Update on Licence to Occupy

The Licence to Occupy in respect of the Rugby Club was ready to be sent out and those for the Bowls and Tennis Clubs would follow shortly.

Resurfacing of Tennis and Bowls Club Car Park

This work was due to take place in August but the Committee were advised that the area to be surfaced was larger than expected because it had become overgrown with grass and, therefore, there would be additional cost.

12/55h **Leeves Common Play Area**

Wealden Summer Play Scheme

It was noted that a further event would take place during the Summer holidays.

Request for notice/information board

A request had been received from Unity Community Association to place a noticeboard on the Leeves Common Play Area. The Committee agreed to the request providing the Association was responsible for maintaining the Board and the siting was agreed by the Parish Council.

12/55i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

12/55j **Heathfield Community Centre**

SHLAA for Heathfield

As part of the LDF Core Strategy documents, Wealden District Council were contacting landowners of all land outside of the AoNB. A letter had been

received in respect of the parcel of land at Sheepsetting Lane which was owned by the Parish Council and a response would be sent to WDC stating that the land was to be retained as recreational land in view of the shortage of recreational space in the Parish and would not be put forward as a possible housing site.

Fire Exit from Changing Room Unit

A request had been received from the PCT regarding a secondary fire exit from the sports corridor as they wished to have the double doors in the corridor locked whilst the Clinics were operating. The Committee agreed that the work to replace the lock on the door into the Ian Price Room to enable it to be used in an emergency should be allowed providing the whole cost of the work was borne by the PCT.

Breast Screening Unit

The Committee noted that on its previous visit to Heathfield, works were carried out to upgrade the electrical supply in the car park at the Community Centre and, therefore, they were unable to site the unit elsewhere in the town. In view of concerns about the lack of parking for users of the Centre, it had been agreed that Heathfield would be treated as a priority, with maximum operating hours to ensure that the vehicle was stationed there for as short a period as necessary. Operating staff would park in the designated staff car parking spaces.

12/55k Waldron Recreation Ground

Memorial bench

A request to site a memorial bench at the Recreation Ground was discussed and approved by the Committee, providing it was of approved design and the siting was agreed by the Parish Council.

12/55l Jubilee Park

There were no matters to report.

12/55m Skatepark

The Committee noted that a new safety sign was in the process of being made.

12/56 DARCH'S WOOD

The Committee noted that the Cross-in-Hand Amenities Society had prepared a Management Plan which would be put to their members for discussion. A work party would carry out some maintenance works in the early Autumn.

12/57 **HIGH STREET – STREET FURNITURE**

A quotation had been received for repainting the street furniture in the middle section of the High Street, including the town clock and it was **RESOLVED** that the work be carried out by C I and E J Davis at a cost of £2,325 plus VAT. The Committee noted that the cost would partly have to be met from the general budget.

12/58 **CHICHESTER DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FOR FAMILY SUPPORT - TREES**

The Committee noted that the saplings were of hedging varieties, rather than specimen trees and it was suggested that they could be planted at Waldron Church to improve the hedge there and that the Association contact the PCC direct.

12/59 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

12/60 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were considered to be implications under the above Act in respect of anti-social behaviour at Tower Recreation Ground and the situation would be monitored.

12/61 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

To consider effects (if an) arising from items on the Agenda

There were none.

12/62 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting would take place on Tuesday 25 September 2012 at 7.30 pm, in the Meeting Room, 73 High Street, Heathfield

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: