

**HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**LEISURE, ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**TUESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 7.30 PM**  
**AT PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES**

**PRESENT:** Mr M Baker, Ms Bowdler, Mr Hart, Mrs Mackie, Mrs Plant (Chairman),  
Mr Smith, Mr Taylor, Mr Waterhouse and Mr Woodhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

12/63 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bowdler, Mrs Clark, Mrs Holmwood and Mr Wood.

12/64 **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 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 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.

12/65 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the Leisure, Environment and Recreation meeting held on 31 July 2012 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12/66 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

12/67 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 31 AUGUST 2012**

The Committee noted and approved the report.

12/68 **EMERGENCY/ADDITIONAL WORKS TO 31 AUGUST 2012**

It was **RESOLVED** to note and approve expenditure on emergency works in the total of £224.00 + VAT

12/69 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

12/69a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

Further to the Trustees' meeting when it was resolved that the clock should not be sold, it was noted that it had now been delivered to the Council offices.

12/69b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

There were no matters to report. Mr Smith queried whose responsibility it was to maintain the hedge/fence behind the village hall. The Clerk believed this to be the responsibility of the village hall committee.

12/69c **Tower Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

12/69d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

There were no matters to report.

12/69e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

Mr Hart reported that the recycling bins at the Hall were being misused and the Village Hall Committee might ask Wealden District Council to remove them. With regard to the dog bin, it was queried whether a larger bin could be installed and this would be investigated.

12/69f **Cross in Hand Village Hall**

It was reported that Mrs Plant is now the Treasurer.

12/69g **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

**Update on Licence to Occupy**

An amendment was being made to the front cover for the licences to cover the Bowls and Tennis Clubs and once done they would be sent out for engrossment.

**Re-surfacing car park**

As reported at the last meeting, a larger area had been surfaced than expected and it was **RESOLVED** to ratify the additional cost of £500.00 + VAT. Concerns were raised about the quality of the materials used and it was agreed that the contractor should be asked to lay an additional half-load of MOT to improve the situation.

Tennis club - Plans for expansion

The Chairman had had an informal discussion with the Chairman of the Tennis Club regarding the possibility of extending their courts. However, the plans would require the removal of some mature trees and the Committee were not in favour of this.

Rugby Club – Temporary Floodlights

It was noted that there had been a delay in installing the new permanent floodlights and the temporary ones were causing problems. It was anticipated that the new lights would be installed shortly.

12/69h **Leeves Common Play Area**

There were no matters to report.

12/69i **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

12/69j **Heathfield Community Centre**

Hiring charges

The Committee considered whether the hiring fees for the Hall and Ian Price Room should be increased but it was **RESOLVED** that there should be no increase for the year commencing 1 April 2013.

Meeting with PCT adjourned to October

The Committee noted that the next management meeting would take place on 2 October 2012.

12/69k **Waldron Recreation Ground**

Memorial bench

The Committee noted that the siting of the bench had now been agreed.

12/69l **Jubilee Park**

There were no matters to report.

12/69m **Skatepark**

It was noted that the health and safety sign had been erected in time for Le Marché.

12/70 **DARCH'S WOOD**

The Committee noted that there would be a Working Party at the end of October.

12/71 **STREET FURNITURE**

A request had been received for the installation of a litter bin in the layby opposite Windmill Feeds. Wealden District Council had indicated that they would not do this and would not empty it free of charge should the Parish Council provide one. In view of the precedent that the provision of a bin would set, together with the costs of emptying, it was agreed that this was not something the Parish Council should undertake. It was reported that rubbish appeared to arise from products sold at the Esso Service Station and it was agreed that this should be monitored with a view to asking Esso whether they would consider paying for a litter bin.

12/72 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

12/73 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

12/74 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

There were none.

12/75 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk proposed that as meetings of LER and BGA Committees were reasonably brief, they could be held on the same evening, following on from each other, unless the amount of business to be transacted would make this impractical. The next Committee meeting will, therefore, take place on Monday 19 November 2012 at 8.15 pm, in the Meeting Room, 73 High Street, Heathfield.

The meeting closed at 8.22 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: