

**HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**RECREATION GROUNDS AND PROPERTIES COMMITTEE**  
**MONDAY 15 MARCH 2011 AT 7.30 PM**  
**At Heathfield Community Centre**

**PRESENT:** Mr Baker, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Muddle, Mrs Plant (Chairman), Mr Smith, Mr Waterhouse., Mr Wood and Mr Woodhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

1 member of the public was also present.

**LEEVES COMMON PROJECT**

Mr Hedges informed the Committee that the project was going well. Two manhole covers had been found which had meant the swings had to be relocated, at additional cost, which had used most of the contingency fund. He asked whether the £4,000 grant originally obtained for a youth shelter, which was not now going ahead, could be returned to Unity Community Association for use on this project.

**The Meeting commenced at 7.41 p.m.**

11/21 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bowdler, Mr Davis, Mr Hart and Mr Newnham.

11/22 **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

The following disclosures had previously been made by Members.

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest in respect of Lucas Hall and House and Cattam Pavilion as a Member of the Committee

Mrs Plant disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of Darch's Wood arising from her husband's Membership of Cross-In-Hand Amenities Society.

Mrs Plant disclosed a personal interest as the Parish Council's representative on the Hardy Roberts Playing Fields Association.

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 Smith disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of Punnetts Town Village Hall as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Mr Wood disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of Heathfield and Waldron Rugby Club, as a Member of the Club

11/23 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January 2011 having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11/24 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

11/25 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT AS AT 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

The Committee noted the report.

11/26 **EMERGENCY WORKS OR WORKS ADDITIONAL TO CONTRACT FOR 28 FEBRUARY 2011**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure under this budget of £956.50 + VAT.

11/27 **REPORTS ON RECREATION GROUNDS**

11/27a **Lucas Hall and House, Waldron**

The Clerk reported that the tenant had given notice and the managing agent was in the process of advertising for new tenants.

11/27b **Punnetts Town Recreation Ground and Village Hall**

Progress on Doctor's Surgery

The Committee noted that completion was anticipated to be at the end of April.

11/27c **Tower Recreation Ground**

The condition of the changing room door had been raised with a view to having it painted but the Committee considered that as it was of galvanised steel, it should not be painted.

It was reported that the razor wire on the pavilion roof had been damaged and this would be investigated.

11/27d **Cade Street Memorial Ground**

A neighbour had asked whether the holly bush could be trimmed as it restricted her view. It was agreed that she should be invited to a meeting on site to discuss the matter.

11/27e **Broad Oak Recreation Ground**

Mr Hart reported that the broken fence beside the main road was being dealt with by the Hall Committee.

11/27f **Hardy Roberts Playing Fields**

A request to use the playing fields had been received from a Circus. It was considered that a better location might be the land at the top of Marklye Lane/Burwash Road because parking was a problem at the Hardy Roberts site.

11/27g **Leeves Common Play Area**

The Committee considered the request from Unity Community Association for the £4,000 grant money to be returned to them. It was **RESOLVED** that this should be done.

11/27h **Sheepsetting Lane Recreation Ground**

There were no matters to report.

11/27i **Heathfield Community Centre**

Report on meeting with NHS on 3 March 2011

The Chairman reported that this meeting was to discuss new flooring to the Health Centre and main corridor.

11/27j **Waldron Recreation Ground**

The Chairman gave a verbal report of the meeting held on 24 February 2011. It was noted that C and E Davis Limited had been instructed to carry out the extension to the car park, following approval at the meeting of the Charity Trustees.

11/27k **Jubilee Park**

There were no matters to report.

11/27l **Skatepark**

It was noted that the seat had not yet been properly installed and this would be actioned.

11/28 **LICENCE TO OCCUPY**

The wording of the Licence had now been agreed and the individual licences would be drawn up.

11/29 **DARCH'S WOOD**

Tree Survey

The survey company had confirmed that work was progressing.

11/30 **LAND AT PUNNETTS TOWN**

No further progress at this time.

11/31 **LAND AT THEOBALDS GREEN**

**Report on meeting held on 7 March 2011**

A meeting of the Working Group had taken place and the Chairman gave a verbal report. It was agreed that the allotments should be 10m x 5m in size and that sheds should be from a Council approved supplier, 6' x 4' in size with a sloping roof. Water would be provided by means of water troughs and composting areas would be provided.

It would be necessary to secure all the boundaries by means of stock fencing, including the boundary of the footpath through to the B2203. It was noted that the development would be classed as a "major" planning application which would involve a 13 week determination period.

The plans were awaited but it was agreed that the public consultation period should take place from 16<sup>th</sup> up to and including the Annual Parish Assembly on the 19 April 2011. Following this, providing public support was forthcoming, a planning application would be submitted.

11/32 **GREEN LANE PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

The Committee noted that enquiries were still being made regarding work to trees on the land owned by the Parish Council and that residents were being informed that only work to dead, dying or dangerous trees would be undertaken. Householders were able to apply for planning permission for other work to be carried out, at their own expense.

11/33 **ALLOTMENTS**

There were no matters to report.

11/34 **SEATS, LITTER BINS AND BUS SHELTERS**

**Bus Shelter in Hailsham Road**

A quotation had been received for replacement of the polycarbonate panels which were vandalised and it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from Heathfield Windows in the sum of £1,250 + VAT.

11/35 **THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2012**

It was agreed that a Working Party should be formed later this year, once the Poppy Party celebrations had taken place.

11/36 **MILL ROAD PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

There were no matters to report.

11/37 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

11/38 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

The Committee noted that the vandalism to the bus shelter in Hailsham Road would be repaired.

11/39 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There was concern that the seat provided by Wealden District Council at the Skatepark had not been secured and this would be carried out at a matter of urgency.

11/40 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Committee meeting would take place on Wednesday 18 May 2011 at 7.30 pm, in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

The meeting closed at 8.27 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: