

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE HELD IN THE RECREATION GROUND ON MONDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 5.00 PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen, Mr L Cornell and Mr K Kaljura.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston.

1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the year commencing May 2012.

RESOLVED: That Mr M Rollé be elected Chairman.

2. Apology for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mrs A Trend.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 October 2011, having been circulated, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

(a) Aerial Runway

The aerial runway had received remedial maintenance work although it was recognised that, disappointingly, it still needed further attention. The mechanism would be lubricated and steps would be taken to see if more elevation could be gained by building up the platform.

(b) CCTV

A further camera had been added to gain extra vision. A spur had been added in the Junior Football Club changing rooms to ensure that the CCTV was not unplugged at any time.

(c) Directional Signage

It had not proved possible to have a directional sign in the High Street as the Recreation Ground does not have car parking facilities available when the gate was locked.

6. Maintenance of Equipment in Financial Year and Future Maintenance

A programme of extensive maintenance had been undertaken following a snagging list prepared by the Chairman and it was recognised that in view of the fact that there was now more equipment and more use of the Recreation Ground it would be necessary to continue with this programme on a regular basis in the future.

7. Skateboard Ramp

Mr Kaljura reported on progress to date with obtaining quotations for a tarmac surface and new skateboard equipment. It was noted that the existing skateboard ramp had now almost reached the end of its life and was not worth repairing, other than making safe for the time being. It was recognised that any replacements would be costly but it might be possible to obtain grants to assist.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Totton and Eling Town Council, North Baddesley Parish Council and Hythe Parish Council, all of whom had good skateboard facilities to enquire how they had gone about funding and to gain information about pricing, etc. The Clerk would also find details of tarmac layers as it would be necessary to lay additional tarmac to accommodate the new equipment. Permission for this work had already been received from the Forestry Commission Land Agent.

8. Proposals for Additional Car Parking/Piping of Ditch and Adult Fitness Equipment

The Chairman explained that additional car parking was needed in the Recreation Ground and this would also be useful for Picnic in the Park. If the area with a ditch in it was piped, filled and covered in grass it might eventually be possible to place additional equipment there. It was suggested that adult fitness equipment might be appropriate.

RESOLVED: To obtain prices for the work involved in making a new car parking area and piping/filling the ditch.

9. Fencing of Original Play Area

The Chairman explained that the picket fence around the original play area had virtually reached the end of its life and would eventually need replacing.

RESOLVED: That the possibility of replacing the fencing one side at a time be explored.

10. Need for Additional Land to Accommodate Football Pitches

The Chairman reported that it was not now possible to accommodate all the boys' football teams at Coles Mead, meaning that some teams have to play "home" games at Castle Malwood and train at Brockenhurst College. He did not feel it was feasible to see if the adult football club would be willing to share their pitch.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and Clerk request a meeting with Mr Brian Foster at Ineos to see if they had any land that they would be prepared to allow the Junior Football Club to use as a football pitch.

11. Proposals for financial year 2013/14

RESOLVED: That providing skateboarding equipment be regarded as the most important item for budgetary attention in the coming financial year, whilst still attending to the existing equipment and the Recreation Ground as a whole with a programme of maintenance and other running expenses such as rent, etc. The possibility of obtaining grant funding would also be explored.

12. Budget Request for the Financial Year 2013/14

Description	Maintenance	Brought Forward
Rent	£700.00	
Grasscutting, etc	£1,000.00	
Picnic benches/seats	£400.00	
Safety surfacing	£300.00	
Insurance	£200.00	
Camera/signage	£300.00	
Equipment/projects	£15,000.00	
Ramp	£10,000.00	
Maintenance – play area	£1,000.00	
Fencing/hedges	£1,500.00	
Brought forward		£10,000.00
Total	£30,400.00	
Budget Requirement	£20,400.00	

13. Any Other Business

(a) *Existing Safety Surfacing*

RESOLVED: To add to the play bark safety surfacing in the Play Trail play area as this was bare in places.

(b) *Roundabout*

The Chairman explained that a request for the addition of a roundabout had been received.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk explore the possibility and pricing for several roundabouts and report back to the next Committee meeting.

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date