

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in Lyndhurst on Saturday, 6 February 2016 at Coles Mead Recreation Ground (afterwards at Costa Coffee due to weather and ground conditions) at 9.00 am.

Present: Mr M Rollé, Mr T Dunning Mrs H Klaassen, Mr K Kaljura and Mrs A Trend.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That Mr Rollé is elected Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the year commencing May 2015.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: That Mr Kaljura is elected Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee for the year commencing May 2015.

3. Apologies for Absence

None (all present)

4. Declarations of Interest

Mr Dunning declared a non-prejudicial interest as an officer of the Junior Football Club, who use Coles Mead Recreation Ground for some matches.

5. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 11 April 2015 were approved.

6. Matters Arising

The Clerk stated that it would be possible to replace the bark under the swings in the children's play area with wet pour safety surfacing for a cost of £1,000 plus cost of labour. It was considered by the Committee that wet pour safety surfacing colour subdued green would be most appropriate and would prevent the erosion of ground that took place regularly with the use of bark.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Kevin Bennett source the wet pour and that Kevin Bennett lay the surfacing as part of his maintenance contract with the Parish Council.

The Clerk reported that she would be meeting with a representative from the company undertaking the Parish Council's annual safety inspection the following week to discuss the possibility of making the zip wire more feasible for use and would report back to the Committee in due course.

7. Financial Update

	£	£
Opening balance		19,785.51
Precept April/October 2015		20,400.00
Total Income		40,185.51
Possible expenditure	20,735.00	
Total remaining in budget		19450.51
Requirement re Skateboard project Phase 2		18,000.00

Developer's Contributions funds held at NFNPA re The Boltons	£44,586.00
Developer's Contributions signed agreement re former Heather House Hotel – but not received yet	£12,851.00

8. Maintenance of Existing Equipment

All maintenance work had now taken place and the play equipment had passed the safety inspection in summer 2015. It was unlikely that there would be as much financial outlay in the next financial year although it was agreed that it would be necessary to carry out maintenance work on a regular basis.

9. Ground work, maintenance and car parking

During the visit to Coles Mead it had been noted that the gravel tracks leading to the car park, the car park itself and the gravel track leading towards the skateboard ramp were all extremely muddy and in very poor condition.

RESOLVED: That three tenders are obtained for the necessary work to bring all the existing tracks/car park area up to a good standard and that tenders are obtained for extending the track up to the tarmac area where the basketball hoop stands. To avoid motorists bringing cars further along the track than allowed a gate with combination padlock would also be provided so that cars could only be taken as far as the internal car park.

Following on from the site visit to Coles Mead discussion then took place regarding the area of land that had been cleared behind the Junior Football Club changing rooms back towards Wellands Road, in the direction of the fence line with the Senior Football Club.

RESOLVED: That three tenders are obtained for a circular path round the edge of this piece of land stretching to the skateboard ramp along the far side of the Junior Football Club pitch to facilitate a fitness path.

10. Skateboard Ramp (Existing and Planned)

It was agreed that the existing skateboard ramp is in good order and only needed annual maintenance work. Mr Kaljura is obtaining tenders for the necessary work to finish the next phase of the project and this would shortly be finalised.

RESOLVED: That as the project fitted well with the criteria and as Parish Council permission had previously been sought, the existing developer's contribution funds would be used to finance the project.

11. CCTV

Mr Rollé explained that the new CCTV equipment had now been installed to protect the skateboard ramp. It would be possible to provide another camera on the existing pole adjacent to the children's play area to give wider visibility and more clarity.

RESOLVED: That Mr Rollé request a quotation for the work involved. At the same time he would explore the possibility of having a webcam which could open up other possibilities in the future.

12. Sports Facilities in Lyndhurst

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of expanding the sporting facilities in the village to include the ground at the end of Wellands Road. The Clerk reported that local residents and groups co-operation would be necessary in order to secure this accommodation but that she was speaking to interested parties on the subject at the present time and there was strong evidence of support for the project.

RESOLVED: That the Committee gave full support to the ideas outlined and would work together with local residents and groups to secure a satisfactory outcome.

13. **Adult Fitness Equipment**

Discussion took place regarding the possible purchase of fitness equipment that could be placed at intervals on the circular path outlined in Minute 9 above. It was understood that six items of equipment were likely to cost in the region of £9,000.00

RESOLVED: That the purchase of fitness equipment be explored.

14. **Any Other Business**

None.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Clerk