

## LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in Lyndhurst on Saturday, 15 November 2014 at 10.00 am.

**Present:** Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr L Cornell, Mrs H Klaassen, Mr K Kaljura and Mrs A Trend (1<sup>st</sup> part of meeting).

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

### 1. Election of Chairman

The Clerk asked for nominations for Chairman for the ensuing year.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Rollé, having indicated that he would be willing to stand, is elected Chairman.

Mr Rollé then said he would like to appoint a Vice Chairman.

**RESOLVED:** That Mr Kaljura is elected Vice Chairman.

### 2. Apologies for Absence

None – all present.

### 3. Declarations of Interest

None.

### 4. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 9 November 2013 were approved.

### 5. Matters Arising

None.

### 6. Safety Inspection and Equipment Maintenance

The Clerk reported that the safety inspection had taken place and, apart from a few minor items which had now been rectified, all the equipment had passed the inspection. However, the basket swing had later been removed as it was unsafe and the Clerk asked for clarification as to whether remedial action should now be taken. It was noted that all the children's play equipment was in need of painting. It was noted that the zip wire is not operating satisfactorily and it was suggested that the equipment should be made higher at one end.

**RESOLVED:** That as the basket swing was a popular item of equipment repairs would be made, although it might eventually be necessary to provide a replacement item of equipment. The equipment would also be painted as soon as the weather conditions permitted. Enquiries would be made to see if the zip wire could be made higher at one end.

### 7. Ground work, maintenance and car parking

Strimming and grasscutting had taken place on a regular basis and safety surfacing received remedial action as necessary. It was noted that repair work was necessary as a result of damage from lorry tyres during installation of the skateboard equipment. It was recognised that additional car parking within the Recreation Ground would be useful and the best method of achieving this would be considered. It was also noted that the land had not been properly reinstated following the removal of the fallen tree by the Forestry Commission.

**RESOLVED:** That estimates would be sought for resurfacing the existing track across the Recreation Ground and extending it up to the skateboard ramp. Estimates would also be sought for the necessary groundwork required near to the entrance gate in order to extend the car parking area. The Clerk would ask the Forestry Commission to reinstate the land following removal of the fallen tree.

## **8. Skateboard Ramp**

Mr Kaljura reported that the new equipment was now in place and was proving very popular. The Chairman thanked Mr Kaljura for his work on this project. It was noted that in order to complete the scheme approximately £12,000 would be required for additional equipment. Discussion took place regarding an official launch of the equipment.

**RESOLVED:** That, as these funds were available, Mr Kaljura be authorised to order the additional equipment and it was agreed to set aside the sum of £500 for maintenance of the equipment. An official launch date would take place next Spring.

## **9. Fence between fields**

It was noted that permission had been obtained from the Forestry Commission to remove the fence between the two fields in order to open up the area and aid security and visibility.

**RESOLVED:** That Kevin Bennett is asked to undertake this work during the winter months.

## **10. Additional CCTV**

It was noted that additional CCTV equipment would be necessary for the skateboard field. Unfortunately the company that the Parish Council had previously dealt with had become unreliable and it had been necessary to seek further contacts for the work. Mr Kaljura voiced concern that the work should be done so that the condition of the junior football pitch was not compromised and the Clerk reported that it was hoped that their groundsman would be undertaking the work in order to ensure that the pitch remained in good condition throughout the playing season. Mr Rollé reported that he had received requests from parents that low impact lighting is provided until approximately 6.00 or 7.00 pm during the darker evenings.

## **11. Adult Fitness Equipment**

Consideration was given to the provision of adult fitness equipment although it was recognised that care must be taken in choosing equipment that would not be too strenuous.

**RESOLVED:** That further enquiries would be made so that this matter could be pursued when funds became available.

## **12. Proposals for next financial year**

As outlined above.

### 13. Precept Request

**RESOLVED:** That the following Precept request be made to the Finance and General Purposes Committee:

Description	Income 2014/15	Budget 2014/15	Actual/Projected Spend 2014/15	Budget 2015/16
Amount brought forward	31773.60			
Developers Contributions	8722.00			
1st NF Scouts Donation	1000.00			
Rent		650.00	650.00	650.00
Grasscutting		1200.00	1500.00	1500.00
Picnic benches/seats		500.00	500.00	500.00
Litter Bins			900.00	900.00
Safety surfacing		500.00	600.00	800.00
Insurance		200.00	200.00	200.00
Camera/signage		4000.00	3500.00	500.00
Equipment/projects		15000.00		12850.00
Ramp		10000.00	35599.00	
Maintenance - play area		1500.00	2000.00	2000.00
Fencing/hedges		200.00	200.00	500.00
Total		33750.00		
	<b>41495.60</b>	<b>33750.00</b>	<b>45649.00</b>	20400.00
<b>Plus Precept</b>	<b>20400.00</b>			
<b>Total budget available</b>	<b>61895.60</b>			
<b>Actual/Projected 14/15</b>	<b>45649.00</b>			
<b>Remaining 2014/15</b>	<b>16246.60</b>			

### 14. Any Other Business

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

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