

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE HELD IN THE RECREATION GROUND ON MONDAY 14 JUNE 2013 AT 7.15 PM

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

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 2013.

RESOLVED: That Mr M Rollé be elected Chairman.

2. Apology for Absence

None – all present.

3. Declarations of Interest

None.

4. Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2012, having been circulated, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters Arising

(a) Aerial Runway

Whilst it was recognised that this equipment was not reaching its full potential it was hoped that action could be taken when someone suitable to make the necessary alterations could be found.

(b) Roundabout

The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries about a suitable roundabout for the amount of space that was available. This was likely to cost in the region of £3,450.

(c) Directional Signage

RESOLVED: That the Clerk again pursue the possibility of a directional sign in the High Street showing how pedestrians could reach the Recreation Ground.

6. Financial Update

The Clerk outlined the financial situation regarding the Recreation account showing that £14,200.84 had been brought forward from the previous financial year. This amount had been achieved through prudent budgeting and the fact that it was known that a substantial financial outlay would be necessary in the near future in order to remedy the situation with the skateboard ramp. Together with expenditure to date in the current financial year and projected outlay to 31 March 2014 this would leave approximately £30,000 in the budget.

Mr Cornell read out a report from the Lymington Times and it was noted that Lymington Town Council had used developers' contributions from NFDC to fund new play equipment.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk explore the possibility of obtaining developers' contributions from NFNPA to fund a project in the Recreation Ground.

7. Existing Skateboard Ramp

It was noted that the existing skateboard ramp had now reached the end of its life and was beyond repair. Mr Kaljura reported that he was making headway with plans for a skateboard facility. It was considered that it would be possible to replace the existing ramp as a "stand alone" project and then seek funding for a new facility to run alongside.

RESOLVED: That, once a new ramp and suitable groundwork could be funded and sourced, the Chairman and Mr Kaljura arrange disposal of the old ramp.

8. Proposals for New Skateboard Equipment

It was recognised that external funding would be necessary in order to finance this project.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That Mr Kaljura look into the type of equipment required.
- (b) That Mrs Klaassen provide a link with suitable funding on the Lottery website.
- (c) That the Clerk explore the possibility of developers' contributions with NFNPA.
- (d) That the option of a grant through Viridor be explored.

9. Proposals for additional car parking/piping of ditch and adult fitness equipment

Discussion took place regarding quotations received for additional car parking facilities and piping of the ditch in order to provide space for adult fitness equipment. Whilst enquiries would continue to gain estimated costs for the work involved and equipment required it was recognised that until funding could be made available these ideas could not be taken forward.

10. Any Other Business

(a) Toilets

It was noted that as the Recreation Ground became more popular and more equipment was added there was an ever increasing need for public toilets. The Chairman stated that it might be possible to add to the size of the Junior Football Club building but foul water drainage would be a financial constraint and the need for security and protection from vandalism would be important.

(b) CCTV

It was noted that if new equipment was to be installed in the second field it would be necessary to supply an additional CCTV camera for that area.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Date