

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 12^h SEPTEMBER 2019, AT 7.00pm, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.

Present: Councillors: C. Potter (Chair) and Councillors. Bolder, Kay, Blase, Bastin, Fairclough, Rankin, Dowie, Mackeith and Allen.

Others: C A Ryde, Clerk

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor Bastin was PROPOSED by Councillor Mackeith, SECONDED by Councillor Fairclough and was UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to the position of Vice Chair.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a) Consideration of ROSPA reports (June 2019 for play equipment, August 2019 for copse) and update on play equipment maintenance

Councillors to NOTED issues raised and maintenance work undertaken in response and AGREED TO:

- 1) the Clerk requesting Graham Sillman to quote to repair to the upper playing Field shelter for consideration /decision outside the meeting by e mail.
 - 2) obtaining a quote to place safety matting beneath the Monkey Bars on the Upper Field
 - 3) the Clerk chasing and progressing the replacement of the lower playground basket swing.
- The Clerk reported that a claim had been raised to HAGS as a result of the Zip wire failure Resulting in it being decommissioned.

b) Review of Louie Memorial Playing Fields management plan

Councillors to CONSIDERED the current management plan (last revised October 2012) in relation to more recently undertaken work (2014 BBOWT recommendations, 2019 fen survey) and a process for confirming NHPC's management plan going forward, taking account of local expertise in conservation and/or wildlife.

Councillor Potter PROPOSED and Councillor Kay SECONDED and Councillors AGREED that a working group be established, made up of a balance of NHPC members and representatives of relevant organisations such as the Friends of Raleigh Park and others in consultation with former Councillor Carr; with 2 Councillors abstaining from the vote.

c) Consideration of works to be undertaken in the Copse and fen during Autumn

Councillors to DISCUSSED the works to be undertaken including digging out of pond, tree survey, cutting of vegetation in fen.

It was AGREED that:

- 1) Councillor Allen would provide details of Gordon Davey who may be able to help with the pond draining and that
- 2) contact was to be made with the Oxford Conservation Volunteers to see if they could help with vegetation clearance.
- 3) a tree survey would be undertaken using previously voted funds
- 4) and that contact was to be made with the Friends of Rayleigh Park and relevant local experts Such as BBOWT to investigate Bat and Bird surveys with a view to the installation of Bat and Bird Boxes.

d) Reports from:

- i) North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers

There was no report.

e) Louie Memorial Pavilion Trustees

Councillor Blase reported that there were new Trustees and volunteers plus a new football based at the LM field. This led to a discussion about who managed the football pitch. Councillor Potter undertook to raise this with MAS and provide Councillor Blase with contact details.

5. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION Councillor Fairclough undertook to provide Councillor Kay with correspondence relating to the Persimmon (Tilbury Fields) Housing estate Playgrounds.

6. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 20th January 2020.

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*Cm Potter
23rd January 2020*