

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 24th JANUARY 2019, AT 7.00pm, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.

Present: Councillors: The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter and Councillors J. Bolder, L Berrett, D. Kay, L. Kunzemann, A. Pritchard and A. Rankin.

Others: Councillor Mrs. V. Carr, 5 members of the public and C A Ryde (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A Mac Keith and R Mayne

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor A Pritchard declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 3b as he was a member of the North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers.

3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a). Review of agreement with Matthew Arnold School (MAS) on usage of the Louie Memorial Upper Playing Field

Councillors NOTED the report on MAS's usage of the playing field facilities during the trial agreement and MAS's request to extend the agreement.

While it was noted that there had been no complaints about the usage; Councillors discussed the extension and in context of the impending elections.

As a result, Councillor David Kay PROPOSED: and Councillor L Berrett SECONDED that the R & A Committee recommend to Council that the MAS agreement be extended by one year from the current end date (under the same terms) to allow the new Council to consider a longer-term agreement.

Councillors voted by 6 votes to one (Councillor Pritchard) against to SUPPORT the motion.

b). Review of recommendations from Bioscan ecological survey of Louie Memorial Playing Fields

Councillors DISCUSSED the recommendations made by Bioscan in their November 2018 report. During the course of the discussions, the chair asked Councillors Carr and Pritchard to advise the Clerk what work needed to be carried out on the pond as there was a budget for some works. Councillor Carr had had contact with the Oxford Fens project as a member of the North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers and it was **AGREED** that advice /potential financial support be sought from other relevant organisations such as BBOWT.

Councillor L Berrett PROPOSED and Councillor A Rankin SECONDED that the R&A Committee recommend to Council that a follow up ecological survey be undertaken in the Spring 2019 by a FEN specialist (requiring a supplementary estimate) and that the next Council be recommended to undertake a bat survey in May -August 2019. The proposal was unanimously AGREED.

c). Update on Rejuvenation of the Louie Memorial Playing Fields and Pavilion

Councillors NOTED the completion of new play equipment installation in the Upper Louie Memorial Playing Field. It was **AGREED** that the temporary signs advising usage should be replaced by more permanent ones facing from the MUGA out to the new play equipment.

The Clerk was asked to action this.

Public event ref plans for the LM Pavilion

Councillors discussed holding a public engagement event to enable Parishioners to view on the draft planning application for a new Louie Memorial Pavilion building.

Councillor Kay PROPOSED, Councillor L Berrett SECONDED and Councillors unanimously AGREED that a drop-in event be held at The LM Pavilion on either 16th or 17th February 2019(subject to the availability of the local PCSO).

d). Update from Working Group on new Scouts Lease

Councillors NOTED the draft update paper from Councillor Potter. This outlined discussions to date and issues under negotiation. The Scouts reaffirmed their own summary (as circulated on 12 December 2018); of their understanding of the issues and why they now wished to pursue extending the current Scout Hut lease. This rather than move to the new multiuser building; as designed to date.

Councillor Bolder PROPOSED and councillor Kay SECONDED the motion that while open to continued discussions; the working group should be paused while R&A Committee requested supplementary funding from Council for legal advice ref the lease. The motion was agreed by 6 votes with Councillor Pritchard abstaining.

e). Reports

i) North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers

A report would be made to the next meeting.

ii) Louie Memorial Pavilion Trustees

There was to be a graffiti working party at The Louie Memorial Pavilion over the weekend 9th /10th February 2019 and the Committee **AGREED** to consider whether a contribution could be made to the cost of paint.

4. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING Thursday 4th April 2019

Meeting closed at 8.08pm

2st draft 8 Feb inc chair input