

NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2015, AT 7.15pm, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.

Present: Councillors: The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter and Councillors L. Berrett, J. Bolder, Mrs. V. Carr, D. Kay, Mrs. J. Hammett, L. Kunzemann, R. Mayne and A. Pritchard.

Others: 3 members of the public and A. J. Stone (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Councillor Ms. A. MacKeith.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Councillor D. Kay proposed and Councillor L. Berrett seconded Councillor R. Mayne as Vice-Chairman. As there were no other nominations, Councillor R. Mayne was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a). Committee Work and the Leisure Facilities Working Group

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter explained the background and remit of the working group and that her circulated report had identified the progress to date within the 5 identified areas. The following had already been identified as being lacking within the parish: -

- i). Multiply use indoor recreational facilities. and
- ii). A need for additional/improved teenage recreational facilities.

Councillor Potter then explained the work still to be undertaken at or before the next meeting of the working group. Councillor A. Pritchard felt that the outcomes were similar to those that had been identified at earlier reviews and Councillor Potter confirmed that the working group had taken into account the previous surveys. Councillor Mrs. V. Carr and Mrs. J. Hammett reminded the meeting that elderly were a very vulnerable group and the lack of suitable local facilities was an issue that needed addressing. Councillor Potter acknowledged this fact and confirmed that it had already been identified within the report.

b). Use of the MUGA by Sports for Streets to provide Street Hockey

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter reported that Dave Edwards who had run the Sports for Streets Hockey sessions during the summer was pleased with the amount of interest from local children. As a result Sports for Streets had asked if they could use the MUGA between 17.30-19.00, each Friday night after school and for a period of 8 weeks. This would allow them to run non-profit Street Hockey sessions until the weather turned to generate interest and build numbers enough to charge subs for an indoor hall use during the winter. The aim of the project was to develop a self sufficient local club to allow the participants to compete against Yarnton, Witney, Northway and Cutteslowe clubs every week. The sessions would be covered by their insurance; safeguarding and further relevant policies would apply and be operated by their coaches. If the project was successful they would want to return to use the MUGA in the spring.

Councillor A. Pritchard was concerned about possible wear and tear in the MUGA, but hopefully this would be covered within the existing MUGA maintenance budget. E. Casely (the Chairman of the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee) confirmed that Sports for Streets would not be hiring the pavilion at the moment as they had no funds.

Councillor C. Potter proposed and Councillor D. Kay seconded the motion 'that the R & A Committee AGREE to allow Sports for Streets to use the MUGA between 17.30-19.00 on Friday nights for the next 8 weeks'.

Councillors UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to support the motion.

Action: Councillor C. Potter to inform Dave Edwards of the committee's decision

c). Request from the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee for Upgrade Works to the Football Pitch

The Chairman of the Committee, Councillor C. Potter explained that the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee had asked whether the Parish Council would pay for maintenance work on

the football field as little maintenance had been done on it for a number of years. E. Casely (the Chairman of the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee) confirmed it was not seen as an annual event and that the quoted cost would be £570 (£320+£250).

Councillor D. Kay proposed and Councillor A. Pritchard seconded the motion ‘that the R & A Committee RECOMMEND to council that it agrees a one-off supplementary estimate of £570 in 2015/2016, to fund the maintenance work’.

Councillors UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to support the motion.

Action: The Parish Clerk to arrange for the supplementary request to be considered by the Parish Council at its October 2015 meeting.

d). Louie Memorial Pavilion – Internal Ceiling Repairs

The Parish Clerk updated the meeting on the completion of the ceiling repairs. The remaining work to be completed was for the new ceilings to be painted with bathroom emulsion to protect them from the steam from the showers; and also the remaining electrical fittings to be replaced.

Action: The Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee were meeting on 22nd September to make arrangements for the ceiling to be painted and then to contact the electrician to undertake the remaining electrical work.

e). Amenity Land in Tilbury Lane, North Hinksey

Councillor D. Kay summarised the discussions at a recent meeting between Cumnor PC, this council and representatives of Persimmon Homes. The transfer of the proposed amenity land to the council was briefly discussed. Further discussions would have to take place with the proposed management committee for the development area which would be set up by Persimmon Homes. The Parish Clerk confirmed that if the land was transferred into the ownership of the council he would be seeking a capital contribution towards the early years maintenance costs.

f). Pavilion Roof Security Measures

The existing measures were discussed and considered to be inappropriate. A number of different measures, including anti-climb paint were then discussed and it was agreed that the Pavilion Management Committee would investigate the options further with a view to recommending new measures.

Action: The Pavilion Management Committee to recommend new measures.

g). North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers

Councillor Mrs. V. Carr explained the work that the NHCV’s had undertaken in the Copse and Fen areas since April 2015, including tree remedial work undertaken by Young’s Tree Services and work during August keeping the paths clear. There had been some vandalism within the copse to other trees and a memorial, but more encouraging was the fact that wild flowers planted last year had produced a good floral display, including a selection of flag iris in the fen area and around the pond. There remained an issue of a tree in a private garden that was growing over the concrete path and the new owner of the property would be approached regarding it being cut back.

Action: The owner of the property to be approached about cutting back his tree.

h). Summer Camp Out Event 2016

D. Blaze (Youth Club) informed the meeting that this was an idea driven by the Youth Club and if the event went ahead it would be covered by the Youth Club insurance. Councillor J. Bolder believed that it was possible to raise local sponsorship for the event. The Youth Club would bring further details to the January 2016 meeting of the committee and it was agreed in principle to support the event taking place on the Louie Memorial ‘Upper’ playing field, subject to the committee’s being satisfied with the arrangements reported to its next meeting.

Action: The Youth Club to bring a report to the January 2016 meeting.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS/INFORMATION

ROSPA – ANNUAL SAFETY CHECKS

The Parish Clerk confirmed that there were no high risk items identified. The report had identified 3 possible medium risks which he had arranged for Graham Sillman to look at and address.

6. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

28th January 2016

The meeting closed at 7.59pm.