

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 8th June 2017 at 9.30am in the Recreation Ground Clubhouse

PRESENT: Cllr. Dixon (in the Chair), Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Mr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin, Cllr. Taylor,

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. A. Denyer (Parish Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Buhlman

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 2nd February 2017 had previously been circulated. It was agreed that they represented a true record of the meeting.

4. NOTES TAKEN AT THE USERS' MEETING

The notes taken at the Users' Meeting had previously been circulated and their contents were noted.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: All items covered by the agenda.

6. UPDATES ON RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

a) Outdoor Fitness Equipment

Cllr. Dixon has looked at the payment terms of the contract with Fresh Air Fitness and suggests an alternative to their proposal: 25% payment with order, 25% on delivery and 50% on completion of the install. It was agreed to suggest this to the company. The 2D proposed site plan provided by Fresh Air Fitness was circulated at the meeting and accepted. It was agreed that we ask for a small increase in the distance between the items of equipment. It was agreed that a proposal be put to the full council to go ahead with the installation. The installation allows adequate space around it for vehicles to access the grounds.

b) Childrens' Play Area

Positive reports have been received from members of the public using the new Toddlers Play Area. Heber are to be asked to grass seed the bare areas of the area. A torx set is required to tighten some of the screws. Clerk will confirm sizes needed and purchase. Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Taylor are to compose a letter to Eibe Play Ltd. rejecting their request for an additional payment.

Cllr. Eyre-Jackson said that the waste bin in the Toddler Play Area is being overfilled. It was agreed that Clerk purchase a wheeled bin that can be fixed in position and used during periods of high use such as school holidays. Following discussions, it was agreed that toilet keys be provided for the three local play schools for when they use the new Play Area.

c) Play Area Fencing

An installation date of Monday 19th June has been agreed with Steelway Fencing. A site meeting will take place on the morning to confirm the line of installation. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will check the time of the meeting with the company. John Hill will have the fencing removed by Friday 16th June and Cllr. Dixon will ask him to put up temporary fencing for the weekend.

d) 'Kick-about' Area Surfacing

The 'kick-about' goals are to be moved to a more central location within the middle field area. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson has been investigating types of astroturf for the area. Jim Parmenter, Chairman of Dover Athletic F.C., has offered to assist with an application for funding. He has recommended using Fifa One-Star astroturf and Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will obtain a quote for this product. She will continue to liaise with Mr. Parmenter. Cllr. Dixon will liaise with Dover Rangers Colts F.C. over their contacts for funding.

e) Football Pitch Maintenance

No response has been received from an email sent to the Kent F.A. seeking options for funding to improve the condition of the adult pitch. Works on the adult pitch could form part of a wider scheme including the 'kick-about' area.

7. UPDATES ON MAINTENANCE TEAM WORKS AND FUTURE PRIORITIES

a) Play Area Inspection schedule

Clerk is to draft a weekly Play Area Inspection Schedule for the new Toddler Play Area. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will do the checks along with Mr. Robin Jackson (handyman).

b) Crabble Lane Play Area

The equipment manufacturer will assist with methods to repair the two pieces of equipment currently not in use due to difficulty with spare parts. Either Cllr. Dixon or John Hill will visit the manufacturer for advice. It is envisaged that they will be back in operation in the next month.

c) Tennis Courts

River Originals have queried the mowing of the tennis courts suggesting that lines are being left on the courts. Cllr. Dixon will discuss with Heber.

8. SECURITY ISSUES IN THE RECREATION GROUND

a) Incidents of Vandalism and Antisocial Behaviour

Further to recent incidents of vandalism, the 'No Dogs Allowed' sign from the Crabble Lane gate has been taken. A temporary sign was also ripped down. Clerk has contacted DDC regarding the three spare signs purchased and is awaiting a response.

The Crabble Lane Play Area remains shut due to vandalism of the wet pour surfacing under the swings. The resin binder for the wet pour repair kits has now been located and a message sent to John Hill asking him to go ahead with the repair. It was agreed that Cllr. Eyre-Jackson lock the Crabble Lane Play Area at 6.30pm to deter older youths using the space for antisocial behaviour and monitor the results.

It was agreed that Clerk organise the installation of a 'No Cycling' sign by the Lower Road gate.

b) Installation of CCTV system

The signs are on order for the CCTV system and the policy and code of practice is to be put before the full council for adoption at the meeting next week. Cllr. Buhlman and Clerk need to resolve an issue with direction rotation of the cameras.

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE WATER RISK ASSESSMENT

A summary of the report and recommendations had been circulated prior to the meeting. A quote for works has been received from Envirocure Ltd. It was agreed that Clerk seek an alternative quote from Blackmans. Cllr. Dixon will seek another independent quote.

10. CORRESPONDENCE:

a) River Bowling Club

A letter has been received from River Bowling Club outlining the maintenance programmes along with other issues. They have asked for a contribution towards the cost of providing laminate floor covering the kitchen area. This will be put before the next meeting of the full council. The club requested permission for two signs: on the bowling club fence and on the Lower Road gate. It was agreed that the Club could erect a sign on the club perimeter fence and that Clerk will look into costs of a sign with 'River Recreation Ground' and listing the main clubs/users as an alternative. There is also a problem with some windows paned being steamed up. According to the lease agreement, maintenance of the windows is the responsibility of the Club. Clerk will write to the club following the next full council meeting.

b) Dover District Council

A problem report has been submitted to Dover District Council, and copied to the parish council, about youths riding a lambretta motor scooter across the Recreation on Wednesday 31st May.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The barrier across the roadway has been re-instated and locked as reports have been received locally about groups of travellers occupying nearby sites.

Meeting closed at 10.55am