

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 7th September 2017 at 9am in the Recreation Ground Clubhouse

PRESENT: Cllr. Dixon (in the Chair), Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Taylor

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

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF THE GROUNDS

- a) One of urinals in the public toilets needs to be replaced. Replacement is on order.
- b) Disabled toilet currently not available. A new lock and metal plate still to be fitted to the door.
- c) Signage needed by Play Area fence requesting parking in car park. Also letter to Crabble Court resident re. her car parking
- d) Need to set date at parish council meeting to move events committee equipment into new space.
- e) John Hill to be asked to close gap in Play Area fencing.
- f) Yoga sessions in Clubhouse currently in trial period and not charged.
- g) Hedge cutting along Mannering Close boundary not yet completed. Cllr. Dixon will chase.
- h) Broken branch, hanging on Lewisham Road lime tree. Also tree bases need trimming back.
- i) John Hill to make sure CCTV notices cannot be removed.
- j) Two copies of keys for Crabble Lane Play Area padlock needed to allow Heber access for grasscutting. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will purchase.
- k) Due to changed padlocks. Heber currently have only keys to tennis court padlocks.

Followed by meeting of the committee

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 8th June 2017 had previously been circulated. It was agreed that they represented a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:

a) CCTV installation

Cllr. Buhlman reported that this was now all working satisfactorily.

5. UPDATES ON MATTERS CONCERNING RECREATION GROUND USERS

a) Football Users

Dover Rangers have moved all sessions to Christchurch Academy and will no longer be using the Recreation Ground. This was confirmed by email from the club chairman on Friday 4th August. In addition, the Sunday League team confirmed on 22nd August that they were unable to carry on using the Recreation Ground. Clerk is to write to Kent F.A. informing them.

b) Bowling Club

A meeting was held with River Bowling Club to discuss results of the professional green report. Notes from the meeting were circulated to committee members. The bowling club have agreed additional maintenance to be carried out by Heber which the club will pay for. Cllr. Dixon confirmed to the club that the parish council will not be paying for additional work beyond that already agreed in the contract with Heber.

c) Tennis

Meeting with tennis club to be confirmed next week to discuss maintenance costs. River Originals no longer have any junior members.

d) Other Users

Following suggestions at the August Extraordinary meeting of the parish council, the possible use of the Clubroom for a youth club was discussed. It was agreed that there are several areas that need to be established before any proposal could be given consideration: security of the site would need to be assured; persons responsibility for the activities; access requirements (particularly for fire safety); also compliance with any other requirements, either statutory, recommended or best practice (particularly child protection).

6. UPDATES ON MAINTENANCE ISSUES

a) Crabble Lane Play Area

Wetpour surfacing under swings still to repair, also clatterbridge and parts for new balance rope (John Hill)

b) Water Risk Assessment

Now that showers are not in use, Clerk is to seek advice as to whether system should be drained down.

c) Groundwork

Heber have confirmed that there will be a net reduction of £1,735 on the annual football maintenance costs. Annual summer maintenance costs have already been incurred due to the late withdrawal of Dover Rangers and the Sunday League team. Clerk was asked to provide a copy of the groundwork contract for all committee members.

7. UPDATES ON RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

a) Fitness Equipment

Fresh Air fitness have attended the Recreation Ground and fixed the loose piece of equipment. A plaque has been received from KCC to acknowledge the funding received from the Kent Capital Sport Funding Scheme. This will be fitted on the Play Area fence close to the equipment.

8. UPDATED PLANS FOR THE JUNIOR PLAY AREA

The updated plans from Playdale Ltd. for the Junior Play Area have been circulated with alterations to the positioning of equipment and fence line that further reduce the costs. It was agreed that progress needs to be made with funding before a recommendation can be put to the parish council. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson confirmed that the lead time for any installation is approximately nine weeks after confirmation of order.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

A spreadsheet with current financial situation was reviewed at the meeting.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

No other correspondence.

11. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No other items.