

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 2nd February 2018 at 10am 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)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Bralee

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 7th September 2017 had previously been circulated. It was agreed that they represented a true record of the meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Annual Inspection

a) the new urinal has been fitted in the toilets.

c) parking notices are still to be fitted.

e) John Hill is still to close the gap between Play Area and existing fencing.

All other matters raised in the annual inspection have been dealt with.

5a Clerk is still to write to Kent F.A. regarding current situation with football.

6b clerk is still to seek advice as to whether the water system should be drained

5. UPDATES ON MATTERS CONCERNING RECREATION GROUND USERS

A meeting with River Originals tennis club to review the condition of the courts has been put back until the weather is warmer and seeded area have begun to germinate. A provisional date was agreed as 16th March (subject to confirmation by the tennis club).

6. UPDATES ON MAINTENANCE ISSUES

Bowling Green Surround

An examination of the paving slabs around the edge of the bowling green has revealed that 90% are loose and need relaying as a matter of safety. John Hill is to provide an estimate of the cost. It is currently too cold to start any work. Mr Hill has said that the repair can be completed before the start of the bowling season in April. Clerk was asked to review the lease to check responsibility.

Crabble Lane Play Area

Clerk is to pass contact details for Park Leisure on to Cllr. Eye-Jackson so she can obtain necessary spare parts for the Clatterbridge and Balance Rope in the Crabble Lane Play Area.

Cllrs Dixon and Eyre-Jackson have met with John Hill who now has a list of all outstanding works.

7. UPDATES ON RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

New Play Area Fencing

After examination, the proposed line of the new Junior Play Area fencing has been moved forward 1.5 metres to allow for easier access to the fitness equipment. It was agreed that a 'vehicle-type' access gate will also be required as the groundwork contractors need 6 feet access width to get a 4-foot-wide hand mower into the area for grass cutting. Cllr. Dixon will liaise with the company over the details.

Junior Play Area

It was agreed that the cost of 'welfare facilities' can be removed from the specification as the on-site toilets can be opened. Cllr. Dixon will liaise with Playdale as to whether separate storage and disposal facilities are needed or whether a further saving can be made here. It was agreed that the proposed barriers around the swing be retained as they are a safety feature.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

Play Area Inspections

The new Toddler Play Area is now nearly one year old and due for annual inspection. Clerk has obtained a quote from a company recommended by our insurance brokers. This will provide a saving on previous arrangements. It was agreed that a post installation inspection on the new Junior Area and inspections of the Crabble Lane Play Area, Toddler Play Area and fitness equipment be booked to take place as soon as the new installation is complete.

Routine Inspection Training Course

A RoSPA Routine and Operational Playground Inspection Training Course is being held on 24th May in Sittingbourne. It was agreed that Clerk attend the course to confirm that routine weekly inspections are being carried out in the correct manner.

Catering Provision

After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr. Eyre-Jackson look into whether any caterer might be interested in providing hot drinks etc. by the new Play Areas on some form of franchise basis.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter has been received from a resident of Crabble Court asking for a light be fitted over the gate to ease access in dark evenings. On examination, it was agreed that the tree next to the existing streetlight be cut back so that light falls on the gate. It was felt that this should solve the problem.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Nothing additional

Meeting closed at 11.26am

Next Meeting: Friday 11th May 2018