

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at 4pm on Wednesday 29th May 2019 in the Recreation Ground Clubhouse

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllr. Dixon, Cllr. Deal

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2019 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Buhlman proposed that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Taylor and all agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING (UPDATES) FROM THE MINUTES

Item 5a(iv): Cllr. Taylor has written to Kent Fire and Rescue and Dover District Council Building Control to inform them of works undertaken.

5. UPDATES ON CURRENT PROJECTS:

a) 'Kick-about' Goals

There has been difficulty finding a suitably robust alternative to the existing fixed goals. It was reported that Cllr. Dixon has been investigating having wheels fitted to the present goals to make them mobile. He is getting an estimate of the cost.

Clerk is to get the cost of re-turfing the present goalmouths from GW Landscaping.

b) Fencing

The two areas of new fencing (by the toilets and the entrance to the car park) have been satisfactorily completed.

c) Public Defibrillator

Clerk is in the process of trading in the donated defibrillator and purchasing the new one. After discussion, it was agreed that the preferred option would be for the defibrillator to be in a locked container where users phone for a key-code for access.

d) Fire Precautions

Clerk is waiting for the contractor to provide a date for the installation of the new wireless fire detection system in the Clubhouse ground floor.

The list of recommendations given by Kent Fire and Rescue Service had previously been circulated and were discussed. It was agreed that individual items would be considered before the next meeting.

e) CCTV

Cllr. Buhlman reported that the new CCTV system had been installed and was fully and satisfactorily operational. It was agreed that the previous system would be passed on to River Bowling Club with the proviso that one of the cameras be reserved for use by the parish council.

6. UPDATE ON THE COTTAGE CAFE PROJECT

Cllr. Taylor reported that drawings were being prepared for John Hill and that they will be made available to the parish council prior to submission for planning permission.

7. GENERAL MAINTENANCE

a) It was noted that the overall condition of the grounds since the new contractors have taken over has been very good.

b) The play area gate adjacent to the fitness equipment does not close properly. This is an ongoing problem.

c) Due to misuse, the condition of the remaining full size goal is poor. It was agreed that it will be disposed of when it becomes beyond economic repair. There are no plans for a replacement.

d) Clerk was asked to check with Cllr. Dixon if John Hill is going ahead with the replacement parts for the swing horses in the play area.

e) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson noted that there was a second water stop cock by the play area. It was agreed that it should be confirmed what this operated.

8. FINANCE AND FUNDING

Cllr. Deal has been investigating possible sources of funding for new 'Kick-about' goals but no success so far.

9. UPDATES ON USER GROUPS (BOWLS, TENNIS, FOOTBALL)

As TCI Football academy are no longer operating, it was agreed to ask for the keys to be returned and remove the equipment in the Changing Rooms.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th August at 9.30am

Meeting closed at 5.30pm