

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at 2.30pm on Thursday 21st March 2019 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. Deal

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: There were none.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 30th August 2018 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Buhlman proposed that they represented a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr. Taylor and all agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a) Annual Inspection of the Grounds

The list of maintenance issues from the annual inspection in August was reviewed. All issues resolved with the following exceptions:

iv. rubbish in the cottage still to be disposed of;

vii. the play area gate adjacent to the fitness equipment has been adjusted but still has problems closing;

xii. it is unsure if privet has been planted to fill gaps in the hedge;

xiii. GW Landscaping advised that the small trees may not survive being moved. It was agreed to leave them where they are;

xv. two small tree stumps still to be removed.

b) August 2018 Item 6c(iii) Signage: Sign on the Lower Road gate still pending.

5. 2019 RECREATION GROUND PROJECTS

a) Projects List and Schedule

i) Kick-about Goals Area

Chairman said that it was his hope to have the 'Kick-About' goals area refurbished in 2019. It is hoped that the F.A. can provide the ideal specification and possible funding.

ii) Safety Fencing outside the Toilets and around the Yew Tree at the Car Park

The fencing materials are due to arrive in the next week. Cllr. Dixon will speak to John Hill about installation. It was agreed that a 'Play Area' warning sign be provided to warn cars entering the grounds. It was agreed that a proposal to provide a bench for the Yew Tree area will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

iii) Public Defibrillator

After discussion, Chairman proposed that the Parish Council accept the offer to trade-in the secondhand defibrillator received from KFRS for a new model at a cost of £750. This was seconded by Cllr. Eyre-Jackson and all agreed.

iv) Fire Precautions Upgrade in the Clubhouse

A quotation of £1,345 has been received to install wireless smoke/heat detectors in the Clubhouse ground floor rooms. This has been agreed as a suitable alternative to the installation of fireline board on the ceiling. Clerk was asked to circulate the quote to all the Committee. It was agreed that the quote be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting. Cllr. Taylor will then write to KFRS and DDC Building Control to advise them of the steps taken.

It was agreed that the list of recommendations made by KFRS be reviewed and any further actions taken.

v) CCTV Upgrade

Cllr. Buhlman reported on the options to upgrade the CCTV system. After discussion, it was agreed to go ahead with a new system at a cost of £300 plus the cost of one additional camera. It was noted that this is below the budget of £600 agreed by the Parish Council (Item 129)

vi) Use of the Cottage

An offer has been received to restore the cottage for use as an amenity. It was agreed that the offer be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

b) Funding

Chairman reported that Cllr. Deal has spoken to the F.A about funding for the 'Kick-about' goal area. but they have advised that we need to speak to the Kent representatives of the football organisations. Clerk is to find contact details on file for the Kent F.A. and Football Foundation. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson also suggested we contact Kent Sport.

6. GENERAL MAINTENANCE ISSUES

a) Chairman reported that the groundwork contractors will be back on a regular basis from next week following the winter period break.

b) Chairman raised the issue of water usage in the urinals. A substantial amount of water is being wasted. It was agreed that John Hill be asked to provide a quote to install sensors to control the water flush of the urinals.

c) It was reported that one of the W.Cs in the Changing Rooms is not working properly.

7. MATTERS RELATING TO THE BOWLS AND TENNIS CLUBS

a) Revisions to the draft agreement with River Bowling Club

i) After comments made by River Bowling Club to the draft agreement, amendments were discussed and made. Clerk will send the revised document back to the bowling club.

ii) It was noted that a separate water meter will need to be installed so that the club can be billed for its water use. Clerk is to contact a plumber.

b) Storage of equipment for the River Originals Tennis Club

It was agreed that River Originals Tennis Club be offered use of the small Changing Room in the Clubhouse as alternative to use of the cottage. However, following an email received from the tennis club about security for the storage of a mower, it was agreed that it is not appropriate for a petrol-driven mower to be stored in the ground floor of the Clubroom. Clerk is to reply and suggest that the mower be stored in the Club Hut and that the internal fencing will provide an additional layer of security.

8. CONFIRMATION OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPROVED VENDORS IN 2019

After discussion, it was agreed that the charge for each visit by approved vendors remain at £10.

9. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

a) Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will speak to TCI Academy about their plans for football training in 2019.

b) It was noted that the inventory of equipment used for events and activities is to be checked and updated. When the weather is better, all gazebos will be erected and checked.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 9.30am Friday 17th May 2019

Meeting closed at 4.30pm