

RIVER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RIVER RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at 10am on Thursday 10th June 2021 at the Clubhouse, River Recreation Ground

PRESENT: Cllr. Dixon (in the Chair), Cllr. Atkins, Cllr. Beresford, Cllr. Buhlman, Cllr. Eyre-Jackson, Cllr. Gunzi, Cllr. Jones, Cllr. Taylor (joined the meeting at 11am)

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: All present

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING / MATTERS ARISING (NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA)

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021 had previously been circulated. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson proposed that they represent a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr.

Beresford and all agreed.

No matters arising.

4. CLUBROOM BOOKING

i) Dover District Council have confirmed that they are happy to lift the covenants in the transfer document (on this occasion) to allow the Clubroom first floor to be used as office space by a company employing local people. They have been provided with the details of the company.

ii) In response to a query, Chairman said that he has investigated the cost of office rental in the Dover area and provided specific examples. It was confirmed that the offer received by the Parish Council was substantially above the average cost of office space in the Dover area.

iii) The office would be opening at 7.30am and close at 5.30pm and the potential lessee have agreed that they will unlock and lock the Recreation Ground toilets.

iv) It was agreed that Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Beresford seek to have a lease drawn up for the office use.

Discussion on this item continued later in the meeting when Cllr. Taylor joined the meeting.

v) Cllr. Taylor confirmed that Planning Permission for change of use would be required.

vi) The name of the building would need to change, and this would need to be registered. This was agreed in principle and the company asked to give an opinion on suggested names. They have offered to meet any cost involved in officially changing the building name.

vii) As the Upper Floor would now be used as office space it would be desirable to adapt the Lower Floor for better use as storage and provide a Committee Meeting Room for the Parish Council or other local groups. It was agreed to explore the options with a walk round after the meeting.

viii) Cllr. Taylor offered his professional services to produce drawings of the agreed changes. These services would be provided to the Parish Council free of charge on a non-liability basis. This offer was accepted and it was agreed that the Parish Council would meet the cost of expenses incurred.

5. CLEANING AND LOCKING

i) The Recreation Ground has been left unlocked for nearly three weeks and in that time, there has been no spike in evening or night-time incidents. It was agreed to continue leaving the Recreation Ground unlocked at night.

ii) Carole King is prepared to carry on with the cleaning element at a cost of £45 per week (£2,340 p.a). It was agreed that the Parish Council accept Carole King's offer to continue in her role with a reduced job description. Robin Eyre-Jackson is now dealing with the refuse.

6. SPORTS USERS:

a) Sunday League Football

Cllr. Dixon has been approached by someone interested in starting a new Sunday League football team in River and use the pitch at the Recreation Ground. They have been informed of the current situation and are looking for funding towards equipment (goalposts etc.).

b) Cricket

Cllr. Gunzi explained the options available for artificial wickets. After discussion, it was agreed that the return of cricket matches (as previously held) would not be appropriate as there are now houses nearby. Chairman suggested offering an artificial strip aimed at children playing a casual game. It was agreed to get feedback via a posting on the River community facebook page. Cllr. Gunzi will investigate any possible funding from Lords Taverners towards 'kwik cricket'.

7. REQUEST FROM RIVER BOWLING CLUB FOR FUNDING TOWARDS REPLACEMENT WINDOWS

River Bowling Club have asked for funding towards the cost of replacement window and doors in the Bowling Pavilion. After discussion, Chairman proposed that a grant of £2,000 be made available to River Bowling Club towards the cost of replacement doors and window, on production of receipts. This was seconded by Cllr. Buhlman and all agreed.

8. QUOTES FOR REPAIRS TO PLAY AREA SURFACING

Revised quotes have not yet been received so the matter will be held over.

9. ANY OTHER GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

DDC have confirmed that the proposed funfair is acceptable within the times and period specified. Cllr. Eyre-Jackson will now confirm the time and date of the fair.

10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

The 'Kick-About' goals have been temporarily moved to other parts of the Recreation Ground to allow grass to recover.

Meeting closed at 11.30am