

## **RIVER PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Recreation Ground Management Committee  
Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 9.30am in the Recreation Ground Clubhouse

**PRESENT:** Cllr. Dixon (in the Chair), Cllr. Brand, Cllr. Horobin, Cllr. Mrs. Horobin, Cllr. Leach, Cllr. Taylor

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** There were none.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2015 had previously been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr. Taylor and seconded by Cllr. Brand that the minutes be accepted as a true record. All agreed and the minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

It was noted that the guttering around the bowling pavilion still requires repair. It is on the list of tasks given to John Hill.

### **5. RIVER BOWLING CLUB LICENCE**

It was reported that the discussions with River Bowling Club regarding the licence to use the green had been concluded. An annual fixed consolidated payment will replace former payment based on number of members and green fees paid. This has been agreed at £3,750, to be paid in two instalments. This is separate from the bowls pavilion lease agreement which has one more year to run. The annual payment will be agreed in March of each year. Cllr. Dixon and Cllr. Taylor signed two copies on behalf of the Parish Council. The document will now be sent to River Bowling Club for their signature.

### **6. FINANCIAL**

#### **a) Financial Report**

Clerk circulated a financial report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014. This was discussed. A copy is appended to the minutes.

#### **b) Quotations for work:**

##### **i) Tree Maintenance**

Three quotations have been received for tree works in the Recreation Ground.

It was agreed that recommended work on the trees in the car park be referred to Dover District Council as the area belongs to them. It was reported that trees in the car park bordering River Bowling Club might be affecting the Club's insurance policy. It was suggested that River Bowling Club should contact Dover District Council about the matter. Clerk was asked to contact two of the contractors for clarification so that the quotations can be accurately compared.

##### **ii) External redecoration of the Clubhouse**

Cllr. Dixon has contacted four contractors. Pressure of work meant that quotations were not to hand. It was agreed that quotations be circulated by email when to hand.

##### **iii) Remedial work on football pitches**

Due to the short period of time available, it will be difficult to undertake substantial works. Heber have agreed to do what they can to improve the condition of the pitches during gaps in use.

#### **iv) Waste Disposal**

Clerk has received two similar quotations for the commercial disposal of waste from the Grounds. It was agreed that a fortnightly collection of mixed recycling take place as this represents the majority of waste from users. Clerk is to inform John Wright of the new arrangements.

### **7. FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

#### **a) Analysis of public consultation results**

Clerk has analysed the data collected from the public consultation slips. A copy of the results are appended to these minutes.

#### **b) Current Projects**

i) The outdoor table tennis table has now been installed. It was agreed to continue with plans to install non-slip surfacing around the table. Cllr. Mrs. Horobin will contact Lydden and Coldred Parish Councils for advice as they have installed similar tables. Clerk will contact the installers and our insurers for advice.

ii) The supplier of the faulty picnic bench has agreed to replace it without charge. It was agreed that the purchase of three more benches at a cost of £390 each be put to the full council for approval.

iii) When the existing bench opposite River Church is replaced by the memorial bench for Brian Cuff, it will then be moved into the Recreation Ground. A site for it will then need to be agreed.

#### **c) Future Projects**

Clerk circulated a sample quote received for the refurbishment of the childrens' play area. Clerk was asked to speak to Dover Rangers about possible areas where new equipment could be installed.

Cllr. Dixon has spoken to a contractor about providing solid mesh netting for new 'kick-about' goals.

### **8. CORRESPONDENCE**

#### **a) Email from DDC Environmental Protection**

The new dog control orders have been delayed as they are yet to be approved by DDC cabinet. This accounts for the delay in new signage. It was agreed that any additional signage installed by the Parish Council will have to wait until the DDC signs have been agreed. Problems with dog walkers in the Grounds have been reported to Councillors. It was felt that this is partly because of an area behind Crabble Athletic Ground being fenced off.

### **9. J.P. WRIGHT REPORT**

The regular play area reports have been received. Mr. Wright had reported a problem with the threshold leading into the public toilets. This has now been fixed. Clerk is to inform Mr. Wright about the new arrangements for rubbish disposal.

### **10. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:** There were none

Meeting closed at 11.30am