



**Minutes of the Leisure and Properties Committee Meeting
held on Monday 03 April 2017 at 7.30 pm
in the Fair Oak Village Hall**

Members Present: Mr A Cossey, Mr J Goss, Mr H McGuinness, Mrs M Shephard.

Other Members present: Mr P Spearey

Apologies: Mr C Bird, Mrs H Douglas, Mrs D Lusmore, Mr J Noel.

In Attendance: Ms C Gosling, Mrs L Greenslade, Clerk and Deputy, Mr C Burchett, Ranger.

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public were present outlining their request for action to be taken on a silver birch tree, owned by the Council, adjacent their property in Oak Walk. They indicated they would be happy to bear the cost of having the tree felled.

The Ranger had visited the site and surveyed the tree, which had previously been included in the annual Tree Survey undertaken by Shawyers, and deemed safe.

Mr Cossey reminded Members of the Council's Tree Management Policy; "only dead, dying, diseased or dangerous trees will be removed or made safe, whichever is deemed necessary".

Due to the emotive nature of the request, Mr Cossey proposed the application be referred to Full Council for a decision. Members agreed.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

2 PUBLIC ART AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Mr Cossey welcomed Nicola Henshaw, Artist who presented ideas on public art and community engagement.

3 MINUTES

Members noted the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting dated 06 February 2017 (previously approved at Full Council on 20 February 2017). There were no matters arising.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Fair Oak Cricket Club – update on cricket net structure. Noted.

Fair Oak Cricket Club – notice of fund raising event to be held at Lapstone in May. Noted.

EBC – invitation to take part in the North Eastleigh Great Crested Newt Ponds Project. Members agreed in principle to taking part in the project which was understood to be funded by the developers and included funding for long term management also. Mr Spearey asked for confirmation that the Parish Council would have the final say in agreeing the positioning of any ponds on its land.

NALC – invitation to become a Local Council Charter Branch. Members agreed.

Linford Court Management Company – request for the Parish Council to manage trees on its land adjacent Linford Court. Mr Cossey proposed this decision be referred to Full Council. Mr Goss asked for a recommendation from this Committee that all the trees be kept, Members agreed.

5 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Ranger reported that there is now a waiting list of 23 people, one plot is currently vacant, monthly inspections resume this month and the Allotment Association had produced a welcome leaflet to all new tenants.

The owner of Allington Nursery had expressed an interest in sponsoring the Best Kept Allotment competition. Mr McGuinness said that the Allotment Association had offered to fund the trophies themselves. Mr Goss offered to visit Allington Nursery.

6 DEFIBRILLATOR

Members considered possible locations in the Parish to house a defibrillator, as follows:-

- Shopping parade Latham Road/Sandy Lane
- Fair Oak Village Hall
- The Square
- Horton Heath Community Centre/redundant phone box
- Horton Heath garage

The Clerk to respond to the LAC with these suggestions.

7 PUBLIC ART AT CROWDHILL GREEN

Members discussed the ideas received for public art at Crowdhill Green in preparation for a community wide consultation.

- Lychgate with carvings
- Metal fencing with artwork 20m each side
- Arch/entrance at Westerly end
- Murals on building front
- Metalwork
- Deer along main road
- Wood benches and carvings

The Clerk explained the next step is to set out the ideas to the developer, Bloor Homes, who were funding the project.

8 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, SUDS AND PLAY AREAS AT CROWDHILL GREEN

Members reviewed the adoption of the Public Open Space, SUDS and Play Areas at Crowdhill Green.

The Ranger said the initial swells had now been designated ponds but did not consider this change would have any additional cost implications to the Parish Council when managing the site.

Mrs Shephard raised concerns over safety around the ponds.

Mr Cossey proposed to agree the adoption of the Public Open Space, SUDS and Play Areas at Crowdhill Green, Mr Goss seconded and the majority voted in favour. Mr Spearey requested confirmation that the Parish Council be informed of any further changes prior to any decisions being made.

9 LEGIONNAIRES

The Ranger tabled quotes for the safety checks to be carried out at Lapstone Playing Fields to prevent Legionnaires, as follows:-

- £1407 – Clearwater (current provider). £1130 plus £277 for up to date risk assessment.
- £1175 – Dynamika. £980 plus £195 for up to date risk assessment.

Mr Goss proposed the Council proceed with Dynamika, Mr McGuinness seconded and all voted in favour.

10 PLAY INSPECTIONS

It had been previously agreed that a “fresh pair of eyes” would be considered prudent to undertake the Play Inspections and alternate yearly.

The Ranger tabled quotations to appoint a Play Inspector for 2017.

£140.00 – Andy Figgins
£291.75 – Nick Adams
£390.00 – Keith Dalton

Mr Cossey proposed the cheapest be appointed, Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour.

11 OTHER PROPERTIES

The Ranger reported on other properties, as follows: -

- Ideas to refurbish Knowle Hill View Point with a circular compass on top. Members debated the practicalities, asked for this to be given more thought and deferred
- Allotment Pest Control - £465 for 8 visits. Mr Goss advised he had a contact for an alternative Pest Controller and would obtain a quote.
- Cemetery Road and Knowle Hill car park had been re-dressed.
- All tree work completed
- Vandalism at skate park. Quotes for repairs: £1100 Ava Recreation, £1282 Evolution. Culprit identified on social media and the Police made aware. The Ranger informed Members that the area had been taped off and signs advising not to use were displayed. Members agreed the repairs were a matter of

urgency and Mr Cossey proposed to proceed with Ava Recreation at £1100, Mr McGuinness seconded and all voted in favour.

This was all the business and the meeting finished at 9.00 pm.

Signed Chairman