



**Minutes of the Leisure and Properties Committee Meeting
held on Monday 13 November 2017 at 7.30 pm
in the Fair Oak Village Hall**

Members Present: Mr A Cossey, Mr C Bird, Mr J Goss, Mrs D Lusmore, Mr McGuinness, Mr J Noel, Mrs M Shephard.

Other Members present: Mrs H Douglas (from item 5), Mr P Spearey

Apologies: Mr J Sorley

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

PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr J Goss – Item 6

37 MINUTES

Members noted the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting dated 11 September 2017 (previously approved at Full Council on 16 October 2017). There were no matters arising.

38 CORRESPONDENCE

From Ashleigh Sharpe of Fair Oak Road re purchase of open space land at Oak Walk. Mr McGuinness proposed that the Council not sell the open space, in line with its Policy. Mr Goss seconded, and all voted in favour.

From Christine Noyce - request to replace fence at Dean Road. Mr Noel proposed to refuse the request as the work was unnecessary, Mr Bird seconded, and all voted in favour.

39 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Ranger reported that there was currently one vacant plot available at Knowle Park, due to a time waster, and the Deputy Clerk was in the process of re-letting.

He confirmed the Finance Committee had agreed to fund a portaloo at the Knowle Park site from next April.

40 CROWDHILL GREEN PUBLIC ART

The Ranger displayed ideas and estimates for public art at the site. Members were satisfied with the suggestions and the project to move forward.

41 COMMUNITY CENTRE AT CROWDHILL GREEN

Members received an update on progress to the new community centre at Crowdhill Green.

The Clerk asked for suggestions for a name for the Centre. She said the handover was due on 20 December and hoped for a site visit prior to this date. Secure fencing would remain around the site until it was ready for lettings. It was agreed no further work on the project would take place until after the handover.

42 UPPER BARN COPSE OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREA

Members considered a request from the Borough Councillor to transfer open space and play area at Upper Barn Copse to the Parish Council. It was noted that the Borough Council would retain responsibility for the woodland area.

Members requested more specific details and a decision was deferred until these had been received.

43 S106 SMALL CONTRIBUTIONS

Members considered the request from the Local Area committee to distribute small funds from S106 contributions to village amenities. Mrs Douglas suggested the money could be used for the replacement of trees at the Community Orchard and for the unexpected cost of relocating the power for the Christmas lights at Fair Oak square.

44 FAIR OAK CRICKET CONTRACT 2018

The Clerk advised there had been no change to the contract. Mrs Douglas proposed to approve the Fair Oak Cricket Contract for 2018 season, Mr Noel seconded, and all voted in favour.

45 OTHER PROPERTIES

The Ranger reported on other properties, as follows:-

- Dean Road fencing completed.
- Graves in Fair Oak Cemetery levelled and re-turfed. Problems with badgers being addressed.
- Order placed for replacement trees for the Cemetery and other locations.
- Paths at Knowle Park weed killed
- Works completed for the small remedial works at Lapstone Pavilion following the legionella risk assessment.
- Surface works to goal at New Century Park scheduled this week
- Icicle lights currently being installed at Sandy Lane and Latham Road shops.
- Unexpected cost of relocation of power for Christmas lights at Fair Oak square.
- Motifs scheduled to be erected
- Re-fixing all brackets using new bolts, following the stress testing.
- Large Christmas tree scheduled to be decorated on 29 November.

Mrs Douglas said the War Memorial looked neat and tidy for the Remembrance event and thanked the staff for their efforts.

This was all the business and the meeting finished at 8.10 pm.

Signed Chairman