



**Minutes of the Leisure and Properties Committee Meeting  
held on Monday 12 February 2018 at 7.30 pm  
at 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak**

**Members Present:** Mr J Goss, Mrs D Lusmore, Mr McGuinness, Mr J Noel, Mrs M Shephard.

**Other Members present:** Mr P Spearey

**Apologies:** Mr C Bird, Mr A Cossey, Mrs H Douglas.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present.

**46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Goss – public art at Crowdhill Green.

**47 MINUTES**

Members noted the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting dated 13 November 2017 (previously approved at Full Council on 18 December 2017). There were no matters arising.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**43 – S106 Small Contributions**

The Clerk confirmed the LAC had approved funding.

**44 – Cricket Club Contract**

The Clerk advised she had not received the signed contract back yet.

**48 CORRESPONDENCE**

David Sear of Cedar Wood Close – car park adjacent Knowle Park Allotments. Agenda item.

Ernest Randall - condition of roadway within cemetery. The Ranger confirmed the issue of the pot holes had been addressed and the leaves were due to be cleared this week.

Helen Howe – request to half Campbell Way allotment plot 6. Agenda item.

## **49 ALLOTMENT UPDATES**

The Ranger reported that there were currently no vacant plots and it was intended to start regular inspections in the Spring.

### **Water**

Report from Southern Water re water supply (water fittings) regulations 1999. Highlighted issues were to replace the non-returnable vales for the troughs and install stop cocks, and insulate the standpipes. The Range confirmed these items would all be seen to before the re-inspection in on month.

### **Gate**

Due to anti-social behaviour the gate to Knowle Park was now closed overnight. Complaints had been received from the allotment holders that vehicles had started parking across their gate and blocking access. The Ranger advised that a member of staff had offered to cover extra hours, and this could provide a solution. This proposal to be discussed at the Finance meeting in March.

### **Campbell Way plot 6**

The Tenant had asked if the Council would consider halving her plot as she had taken on extra work commitments. The tenant had been on the “watch list” for some time after inspections.

The Ranger raised the complication of additional traffic with an extra tenant and admin. He suggested offering the next available half plot at Knowle Park allotments to the tenant. Members agreed.

## **50 PUBLIC ART – CROWDHILL GREEN**

The Ranger displayed photos of the Lychgate, seating and fence. Members were pleased with the progress.

## **51 THE WOODLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

The transfer from Bloor Homes to EBC had still not taken place despite the building being completed on 21 December 2017.

The Clerk tabled a quote for a licence at the new community centre at an estimate of £1500. EBC were covering all costs. She explained this could be a solution to speed the process up and allow the Parish Council access.

Two caretakers had been appointed to start 1 April.

## **52 ADDITIONAL BEE COLONY**

A request had been received to house an additional bee colony at Knowle Park Allotments.

Mr Goss spoke of his long experience as a bee keeper and felt that it was inadvisable to allow an inexperienced bee keeper on the allotment site. Members were happy with the current arrangement and additional space away from public areas was not available.

**53 BROOKFIELD ROAD HARDSTANDING**

A request had been made from the Eastleigh Health Walkers to using the Brookfield Road hardstanding, for parking and meeting, on Friday mornings.

The Clerk had suggested the walkers approach the Squash Club to see if they could accommodate them.

Mr Noel proposed a trial period until July, on the understanding that the grass on the park was not used. Mrs Lusmore seconded, the majority voted in favour and there was one vote against.

**54 PITCH, ALLOTMENT AND CEMETERY FEES**

Mr Noel proposed to increase pitch, allotment and cemetery fees, in-line with inflations, as per the Council’s Policy. Mrs Lusmore seconded and the majority voted in favour. (see attached).

**55 OTHER PROPERTIES**

The Ranger reported on other properties, as follows:-

- Trees planting around the village completed.
- Tractor and ride on had been serviced
- Cricket roller and mower servicing still outstanding
- WI bench arrived. Positioning in New Century Park to be agreed.
- Age concern bench – issue with siting along walkway between New Road and doctors surgery. Waiting for a decision from LAC as to the siting
- Asked for volunteers for hedge laying at Knowle Park Lane – 15, 16 and 17 February, 9-1 pm (weather permitting).

Mr Noel reported the path across Knowle Park from the pond to the play area was extremely muddy. The Ranger to investigate.

Mr Noel reported the path leading from the basketball court at the Beeches was muddy. The Clerk to report to EBC.

Mrs Shephard complained on the wording in the recent “Focus” regarding the Village Hall car park. The Clerk recommended she direct all enquiries to Nick Couldrey, the Editor.

This was all the business and the meeting finished at 8.37 pm.

Signed ..... Chairman