



**Minutes of the Leisure and Properties Committee Meeting
held on Monday 05 December 2016 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 H McGuinness, Mrs M Shephard, Mr J Sorley

Other Members present: Mrs H Douglas

Apologies: Mr J Noel

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

PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

42 CRICKET NETS

Andy Ely representing Fair Oak Cricket Club presented their suggestion of relocating the cricket nets at Lapstone Playing Fields. The primary reason being recent vandalism. An estimate had been received in the region of £50,000. Mr Ely indicated that the Cricket Club did not have sufficient money and asked if the Parish Council would be prepared to contribute.

Mr Cossey reminded Members that the Parish Council did not have any funds available.

The Ranger was asked for his opinion and he raised concerns on the ground being very wet at the proposed site and noise for adjacent neighbours.

Members discussed the request and Mr Sorley proposed to move the nets. Members felt other avenues could be explored. Mr Ely to investigate and report back at the meeting in January.

43 MINUTES

Members noted the minutes of the Leisure Committee meeting dated 12 September 2016 (previously approved at Full Council on 17 October 2016).

44 MATTERS ARISING

Village Seating - The Clerk advised the seat and plaque had been installed in the Village on the wall of Grande Wines.

Knowle Park Car Park - The Clerk confirmed the issue had been resolved as Bargate had relocated their fencing away from the footpath.

45 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

46 ALLOTMENT UPDATE

The Ranger reported that all plots were now fully let.

Mr & Mrs Read had finally agreed to relocate to plot A3, over a 12 month period, after being offered 7 other plots.

School plot – the Ranger felt half the plot was definitely usable and recommended letting as a half plot.

Mr Cossey proposed to offer the School plot out as a half plot, Mr McGuinness seconded and all voted in favour.

47 TREE AT LAPSTONE PLAYING FIELDS

The Ranger displayed pictures of a tree that had been desecrated by an adjoining householder as he claimed the leaves from the tree were causing a nuisance in his garden. The matter had been reported to the Police who had decided not to pursue the matter. A quote of £180 had been obtained to tidy up the tree. He understood the householder had refused to pay for the damage and the Ranger suggested pursuing through the Small Claims Court.

Mrs Douglas proposed the Parish Council pursue a claim, firstly through a solicitor's letter, Mr Cossey seconded and all voted in favour. Mr Cossey offered to prepare a letter.

48 CROWD HILL GREEN

The Clerk updated Members on the contribution of £70,000 for public art that had been awarded as part of the s106 agreement for the development and produced ideas from Colin Philips. A steering group had been selected of developers, the Borough and Parish Council. This steering group initially met in May 2016 and it is apparent that no progress has been made on the project. A brief was submitted last week detailing that the Borough Council would take up to 15% fee of the £70,000 fund to manage the project.

Mr Cossey proposed to ask the Borough Council to transfer the element of the public art to the Parish Council. This would also enable 100% of the fund to be used for the purpose of public art. Mr Goss seconded and all voted in favour.

The Clerk was asked to inform Borough Councillors to include a reply to the request in their report at the next Full Council meeting.

49 TENNIS COURTS

A request had been received to use the tennis courts for cardio tennis exercise classes. Members felt there had been insufficient information given on the scheme. Mrs Douglas proposed in principle to the arrangement, Mr Cossey seconded and all voted in favour.

50 OTHER PROPERTIES

The Ranger reported on other properties, as follows:-

- Wyvern Meadow transfer completed. Large oak felled and work to start enhancing the site. The Scouts to be asked to become involved.
- Age Concern bench installed in Village Centre.
- Christmas trees and motifs all up. Members thanked the team for their efforts.
- Mole ploughing of football pitches completed
- Tree planting to commencing this week
- Hedge trimming carried out with a few sites to be revisited.
- Lapstone car park trees cleared.

This was all the business and the meeting finished at 8.15 pm.

Signed Chairman