

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPORT, RECREATION and CEMETERY** Committee
held at the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on
Monday 5th December 2011 at 7.30pm.

Present	Councillors	Quentin Burch Michael Cooke Peter Cowie Philip Fermor Beverley Johnstone * Kay Moss Ronald Reed Wendy Scrace David Shaw * Sandra Timms Neil Waller *	Chairman Vice Chairman
Also present		Philippa Hewes David Foot Susan Barnard	Town Clerk Operations Manager Operations Administrator

* *Denotes non attendance*

APOLOGIES

Cllr David Shaw – unwell.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Philip Fermor declared a personal interest in Owlsbury Allotments as he lives near the site and a personal interest in Summersales due to his association with the adjacent Forest Fold Baptist Church.

Cllr Kay Moss declared a personal interest in Owlsbury Allotments as she is a plot holder.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

MINUTES

Meeting – 25th October 2011

6342 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th October 2011 as confirmed be signed by the Chairman.

UPDATE ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING

Lease for Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground (6170)

The new lease was signed 15.11.11 under resolution 6331.

NOTED

Path at Rayners Close (6238)

A resident of High Cross Fields has been able to provide a conveyance for a section of the path dated 25th March 1964; this has been forwarded to the Land Registry and an amendment is to be made to the Council's registration. Once this has been completed, the Council will be able to consider the disposal of the remaining section of the path.

One resident has expressed an interest in purchasing the remaining section of path and is willing to pay for a valuation by the District Valuer. NOTED.

Basketball hoops at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground (6282)

The wood for the backboards has been purchased and they will be made in-house. It has been decided to reuse the existing rings but new nets will be purchased. NOTED.

Improvements to staff rest area at Wolfe (6284)

Improvements have been undertaken. Room painted by in-house staff.

NOTED.

Container at Limekiln Recreation Ground (6285)

Club has installed a new container. Operations Manager is to liaise with the Football Club to follow through the imposed conditions.

NOTED.

Rabbit fencing at Pilmer allotments

Fencing has been purchased and will be installed before the spring. NOTED.

Emergency tree work (6287)

Emergency tree work has been undertaken following the tree audit.

NOTED.

Round seat at Chapel Green (6288)

The replacement seat has been installed and the cost was under budget.

NOTED.

Electrical work at pavilion, Wolfe Recreation Ground (6296)

Additional quotations are being obtained.
NOTED.

Section 106 funds for youth/adult recreation – Alderbrook planning proposal (6297)

A report has been submitted to Wealden District Council for a scheme to expand skatepark facilities at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground and provide an equipped play area at Alderbrook Playing Field.

NOTED.

OTHER AREAS

Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground

Update on Play Project and skatepark

Work has been completed and post-installation inspections undertaken for play area and skatepark; this will release the grant funding. Official opening event is scheduled for 17th December.

Turfing the banks will take place this week. The park design incorporates a considerable amount of timber and the police have expressed specific concerns about the risk of fire with regard to the youth shelter, which is made of hardwood. NOTED.

Wolfe Recreation Ground

Update on improvements following health & safety inspection

Additional areas of concern, such as water, are being examined with a view to making improvements. NOTED.

ALLOTMENTS

Owlsbury allotments

Car Park Extension

A decision on the planning application is expected by 8th December.

NOTED.

REPORT FROM CRICKET WORKING PARTY

The Cricket Working Party recently met with a Beacon Community College staff member to discuss the possible development of a suitable area of school land for cricket for use by the school and the Cricket Club. The school has an outline sports development plan in place. The all-weather pitch used by the school and the Hockey Club has been fitted with new, temporary lighting and the school is soon to apply for planning permission for permanent floodlighting.

Both the Cricket and Hockey Clubs hope that the upgrading of facilities will lead to more Beacon pupils playing for the Crowborough clubs.

TO REVIEW REVISED SCHEDULE OF POTENTIAL WORKS AND PROJECTS

The updated schedule of potential works and projects was reviewed and noted.

A report is expected from the Owlsbury allotments OATS committee for consideration at the next meeting.

Report from Section 106 working party

An initial meeting of the working party has been held.

NOTED.

FINANCE

Management Reports to 30th September 2011 (sent to all Councillors 6th October 2011

Management Reports to 31st October 2011 (sent to all Councillors 9th November 2011

- 6343** **RESOLVED** to adopt the Management Reports to 30th September 2011 and to 31st October 2011.

Hire of Whitehill Centre

To note that a long-term regular user of the Whitehill Centre will not be using the facility in 2012. Existing users have been notified of the additional availability.

NOTED.

LAND MATTERS

- 6344** **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and press from this meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. This is in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 section 1.

- 6345** **RESOLVED** to recommend to the Full Council the purchase of an area of land as detailed in the land report.

An Extraordinary Town Council meeting is to be held on Monday 12th December to consider the proposal. Council officers will undertake a site visit prior to the meeting on 12th December.

**URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR
NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

It was **AGREED** that a review of Town Council land holdings should be undertaken.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm.