

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPORT, RECREATION and CEMETERY** Committee  
held at the Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough on  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7.30pm.

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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 John Whibley Graham Brown 1 member of the press	Town Clerk Operations Manager Operations Administrator OATS OATS

\* *Denotes non attendance*

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### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Beverley Johnstone – unwell.  
Cllr David Shaw – attending another meeting on Town Council business.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Philip Fermor declared a personal interest in Owlsbury Allotments as he lives near the site.

Cllr Kay Moss declared a prejudicial interest in Owlsbury Allotments as her husband is the Council's representative on OATS; she left the meeting during discussion of this item.

Cllr Kay Moss declared a personal interest in signage at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground as she lives opposite the site.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Incorporated into the agenda item on Owlsbury allotments.

**MINUTES**

Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011

- 6417** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2011 as confirmed be signed by the Chairman.

**ALLOTMENTS**

**Owlsbury allotments**

Report from OATS and request for works

Graham Brown briefly summarised the report from OATS, previously circulated to Councillors. A container is required for the storage of communal machinery and from which seeds and compost etc. will be offered for sale to plot holders. The planting of a windbreak hedge and the banning of dogs from the field are also sought. Membership of OATS is voluntary, costs £5 p.a. per person and entitles members to discounts from local shops and garden centres, mail order and online horticultural suppliers.

- 6418** **RESOLVED** to permit a storage container to be installed at Owlsbury Allotments for use by OATS for equipment and supplies and to apply to Wealden District Council for planning permission.

Expenditure permitted under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 section 26.

- 6419** **RESOLVED** to agree to the planting of a windbreak hedge and to contribute up to £200 + VAT towards the cost.

It was **AGREED** that the Operations Manager will consider possible wording for a sign concerning dog walking for consideration at the next meeting. The issue of dog walking at the site will be kept under review.

Car park extension – to authorise work

Three quotations have been received in accordance with Financial Regulations.

- 6420** **RESOLVED** to award the contract for the car park to Warren Drives.

Expenditure permitted under the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 section 26.

**UPDATE ON MATTERS OUTSTANDING**

Path at Rayners Close (6238)

Considered under the agenda item on Land Matters.

Basketball hoops at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground (6282)

*New backboards have been installed. Nets have been purchased and the hoops will be installed shortly.*

UNCONFIRMED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Container at Limekiln Recreation Ground (6285)

Permission was given for the Football Club to install a new container on the basis that certain conditions were met relating to planning permission, location, landscaping, painting and use. None of these conditions have been met and the Operations Manager is liaising with the Club. NOTED.

Rabbit fencing at Pilmer allotments (6286)

*Fencing has been installed.* NOTED.

Electrical work at pavilion, Wolfe Recreation Ground (6296)

Further quotations have been obtained in accordance with Financial Regulations. The work will need to be scheduled around the nursery school term.

**6421** **RESOLVED** that if it is not possible to carry out the work within this financial year, the sum of £10,000 should be transferred to an earmarked reserve.

**OTHER AREAS**

**Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground**

Completion of Play Project and skatepark

The play project and skatepark has been completed within timescale and budget. The equipment is very popular. There have been some issues with surface water and it was agreed that drainage/paths will be considered in the spring. A final report is due this week and will trigger the release of the Lottery funding.

**Wolfe Recreation Ground**

Update on improvements

*Work continues with improvements and tidying up of the site.* NOTED.

**Goldsmiths Recreation Ground**

Leisure Centre – to note award of contract and consider comment regarding signage

Freedom Leisure has been awarded the contract to run the leisure centre for the next 15 years.

A letter has been received requesting that the Freedom Leisure Centre signs are removed at the street entrance as they are covering the original Goldsmiths Leisure Centre signs.

It was **AGREED** to arrange for Councillors to meet at the site to examine the original signs and to consider the possibilities.

UNCONFIRMED UNTIL NEXT MEETING

Cllr Ron Reed offered to research suitable filtration systems for the boating lake.

Resurfacing of the basketball court will be considered next financial year.

### **War Memorial**

#### Request from British Legion to install a rail

An example was shown to Councillors of a suitable rail section for which a quotation had been received of £620 for 2 x 4½m sections.

It was **AGREED** to discuss possible sources of funding with the British Legion as this work has not been budgeted for.

The resetting and repointing of some paving stones in front of the Memorial will be carried out in-house.

### **Palesgate Lane**

#### To set up working party to consider use of site

It was **AGREED** to set up a joint Sport, Recreation and Cemetery/Environment working party made up of Councillors Michael Cooke, Ron Reed, Sandra Timms, Kay Moss and Peter Cowie.

### **Clokes Corner**

#### Tidying up of area

*It is proposed to undertake some painting and tree maintenance to improve the visual appearance of this area – the work to be undertaken in-house.*

NOTED.

### **DOG BINS**

#### To review the location of dog waste bins and consider any changes required

There are currently 10 dog waste bins situated at Goldsmiths Recreation Ground costing £2,500 to empty per year. A letter has been received requesting that a dog waste bin at Alderbrook Recreation Ground be moved to a more accessible location.

**6422** **RESOLVED** to reduce the number of dog waste bins at Goldsmiths to 4, situated at the agreed locations, and to relocate the dog waste bin at Alderbrook Recreation Ground as requested.

**FINANCE**

Management Reports to 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011

- 6423** **RESOLVED** to adopt the Management Reports to 30<sup>th</sup> November and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

Hire fees for sports facilities

- 6424** **RESOLVED** to introduce a hire charge of £10+VAT per session for the netball court.

- 6425** **RESOLVED** to introduce a hire charge for new users of £10+VAT per session for the petanque piste.

**POLICY FOR DONATED MEMORIAL ITEMS**

- 6426** **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the policy for donated memorial items.

**LAND MATTERS**

- 6427** **RESOLVED** that this Committee excludes the public and press from this meeting on the grounds 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.

To consider sale of path at Rayner Close

A proposal was made to accept the offer from a resident of Rayner Close to purchase the path at the agreed freehold valuation price. A request for an amendment to this proposal was made to include a clause for the Council to receive a financial payment on the increase of the value of the land should it be used for development purposes.

- 6428** **RESOLVED** to include a clause for the Council to receive a financial payment on the increase of the value of the land should it be used for development purposes.

There was a call for a recorded vote:

FOR Cllrs Quentin Burch, Michael Cooke, Kay Moss and Wendy Scrace (4)  
AGAINST Cllrs Philip Fermor, Ron Reed and Sandra Timms (3)

Cllr Peter Cowie abstained.

- 6429** **RESOLVED** to accept the offer from a resident of Rayner Close to purchase the path at the agreed freehold valuation price and to include a clause for the Council to receive a financial payment on the increase of the value of the land should it be used for development purposes.

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

It was reported that, at the recent SLR meeting held with representatives from East Sussex County Council, some Eridge Road residents had made an application to the county council for land adjacent to Goldsmiths to be declared a nature reserve.

The Town Council will need to consider potential schemes for use of the Section 106 funding at Wolfe Recreation Ground. The reinstatement of a toddlers play area was put forward as a suggestion.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.