

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **SPORT AND RECREATION** Committee held at the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Tuesday 7th March 2023 at 6.30pm

Present	Councillors	Michael Cooke	
		Martyn Everitt	
		Martyn Garrett	
		Richard Jury	Vice Chairperson
		Kay Moss	Chairperson
		David Neeves	
		Ron Reed	
		Matthew Street	

Also present	Caroline Miles	Town Clerk
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*Denotes non attendance

APOLOGIES

CLlr Matthew Street

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

CLlr David Neeves declared an interest in Item 5.1 as a member of Crowborough Cricket Club.

MINUTES

Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Committee meeting held on the 24th January 2023

10050 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Sport and Recreation Committee meeting held on 24th January 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairperson.

BOWLS CLUB

To note the officer's report and agree any action

Members noted the report. Members expressed their disappointed that there was a request for more funds to carry out work on the building but no money was forthcoming from Bowls Club. Members questioned who had carried out the work on the building that was Highlighted as being sub-standard.

The suggestion that funds should be taken from the budget for refurbishment of the staff facilities at Wolfe Yard was strongly rejected. There is no budget for the remaining works. It was agreed that the Bowls club should submit their accounts to the Council.

Moving forward, the rent will need to increase at the 2024 rent review in order for the council to recoup some of the funds.

- 10051 RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the £3,680 for the brickwork repairs and soil pipe alterations is taken from General reserves on the condition that the Bowls club submit accounts and that a representative attends the meeting.

WOLFE RECREATION GROUND

To note the update and agree further action

Cllr David Neeves left the meeting at 18:45hrs as he is a member of Crowborough Cricket Club.

It was noted that during a meeting with members of the Cricket Club it was suggested that subject to approval by the S & R committee and Full Council, a cricket square could be installed at Lime Kiln for the Cricket Club's use. The cost of which would be in the region of £70,000, and as infrastructure on an approved sports area, could be paid for by CiL funds. As a result of the club's approval, a pre-planning application was submitted to WDC to establish whether a cricket square could be installed on the site. The cricket club has since changed its mind about wanting to use a cricket square on Lime Kiln.

Confirmation has been received from WDC that a cricket square would be permitted on the site. Whilst this facility is no longer required by the cricket club this is a project that the council may wish to consider in the future.

Members were given an update by the Wolfe Pavilion Working group.

An agreement was reached with the two representatives of the cricket club that on relinquishment of the current lease CTC would continue to lease CCC the cricket square on Wolfe Recreation Ground for the requested 50 years for £500 for the 5 months of the cricket season. The extended term of the new lease for the cricket square would enable the club to apply for grants and would ensure that it has continuation in terms of playing cricket on Wolfe recreation ground once the lease expires next year. The current rent is £1250 pa for a 5 month lease.

Storage in CTC's container would be charged at £100.00 per month outside of the lease and the cricket season.

The Club has since decided that it does not wish to relinquish the current lease and obtain the 50-year lease on cricket square, but wishes to enter into further negotiations with the Council.

The working group were disappointed that the Chairman did not have delegated authority from the club and that after meetings had taken place, and agreements reached, the Chairman negotiated further by email.

The club was asked what it required in terms of compensation and has stated that it £4000 per year for every year that the Pavilion is closed. This will equate to approximately £24,000. The figure would cover the club's entire running expenses rather than the bar profit. This figure was rejected. The compensation figure is based on 2 x the rateable value of the building space occupied for the 5 months of the year, which would be approximately £6000.

It was noted that despite using the cricket square as normal, along with the facilities provided, the club has not paid the rent since 2021.

The club has requested the 2 x changing rooms and 2 x portaloos together with use of the toilet on Wolfe Recreation Ground for the 2023 cricket season. The club has asked that the facilities are provided from the 10th April – 10th September rather than the lease term of 1st April – 31st August as the club's fixtures start in mid-April and finish mid-September. This change would mean that the club would not be paying to store equipment etc outside of the cricket season. The working group recommended the approval of this request.

- 10052 RESOLVED** to approve up to £5000 for the temporary hire of 2 x changing rooms and 2 x portaloos on Wolfe Recreation for the use of Crowborough Cricket Club from the 10th April – 10th September 2023. Funding to be taken from budget code: 4303/211

Cllr David Neeves returned to the meeting at 19:00hrs.

Cllr Martyn Everitt joined the meeting at 19.00: hours

To note the request from a vendor and agree any action

It was noted that an unauthorised food vendor who had parked in the car park at Wolfe Recreation Ground had caused problems in the past for local residents. The car park at Wolfe is small for such a well-used site and a food trailer taking up to 3 /4 carparking spaces would result in vehicles being parked in Blackness road, causing congestion. The request was denied.

REQUEST TO USE PITCH 3 AT GOLDSMITHS FOR 2023 EVENTS

To note the request from C & E and agree any action

The working group noted the report.

It was noted that the council had designated Eridge Field as an events field.

The Council pays to keep pitch 3 in good condition so that it can be used as a football pitch.

The council receives income from the football teams that hire it. If pitch 3 was damaged as a result of holding events on it the pitch could not be used the following day. Cars on the pitch were not acceptable. The question was asked that if the pitch was damaged as a result of holding events on it who would pay for the work to be carried out, S & R or C & E.

It was noted that pitch 3 is level and thus ideal for CTC events, additionally the children's play park is on site which would encourage families with small children to attend.

It was further noted that the Kings' Coronation is a very special event and as such should be held on pitch 3.

A proposal was made to hold the King's Coronation event on pitch 3.

The proposal was not seconded.

- 10053 RESOLVED** that both events are to held on Eridge Field.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

