

Minutes of a meeting of the **SPORTS AND RECREATION** Committee held at the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Jane Clark Martyn Everitt Martyn Garrett Richard Jury Kay Moss Beverly Pashley* Matthew Street Natalie Whittle	Vice Chairperson Chairperson
Also present		Melanie Street Peter Cunnington Tracie White	Deputy Clerk Operations Manager (Online) Minute Taking Administrator

Three members of public in the council chamber

*Denotes non attendance

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The architect for the extension to the Artytime premises outlined the proposed plans.

APOLOGIES

Cllr Beverley Pashley

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee meetings held on the 11th July and 3rd August 2023

10233 RESOLVED that the minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee meetings held on 11th July and 3rd August 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairperson.

The Chairperson moved to hear Item 6.1 first due to members of public present with an interest in the item.

JARVIS BROOK RECREATION GROUND

To note the presentation in respect of the scrap store extension and agree any action.

Members discussed the proposal and the request that the town council renegotiates the terms of its lease with Wealden District Council in order to facilitate Artytime's extension to the scrapstore. Members discussed the cost of the new lease and the time remaining on the current lease.

10234 RESOLVED to renegotiate the lease for Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground with Wealden District Council to facilitate Artytime's extension to the scrapstore as demarcated by the narrow red line surrounding the building on item 6.1 'Site Block Boundary Proposal'; that the cost of drawing up the town council's new lease should be borne by the council and that the council will request a minimum 25 year term for the new lease

A member of public left the council chamber at 19:39hrs.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

To note the Finance report and agree any action.

Members discussed expenditure to date for the boating pond as the pumps do not appear to last very long. The Operations Manager confirmed that a more cost-effective and submersible pump is being trialled. To date it appears to be working more efficiently and regular checks of the equipment are taking place.

Members were disappointed to note the overspend at Jarvis Brook playpark but acknowledge this is due to vandalism.

The Income and Expenditure report was noted.

The Earmarked Reserves were noted.

FACILITIES CHARGING REVIEW

To note the officer's report and agree further action.

The officer's report was noted. Members reviewed the current fees and discussed facilities charging for 2024/25. The Chairperson advised members that July inflation figures were at 6.8%. It was agreed that figures be increased in line with inflation with amounts rounded.

Members agreed that pitch fees at Wolfe Recreation Ground remain at £35 per week as agreed at the Sports and Recreation meeting of 15th November 2022. Goldsmiths Recreation ground and the MOD pitches are to be raised.

Silver Standard hire - £60.

Bronze Standard hire - £38.

One day sporting events hire at Goldsmiths - £95.

Annual hire of changing room one - £1050.
Session hire of changing room two - £16.
Goldsmiths Hard Court hourly rates - £16.
Eridge Field Half day event 8am -1pm - £80.
Eridge Field Full day event 8am – 6pm - £160.
Whitehill Centre Regular User - £18.50.
Whitehill Centre One-off booking - £26.50.

10235 RESOLVED to increase the charges in line with inflation as outlined above.

JARVIS BROOK RECREATION GROUND

To note the Our Parks report and agree any further action.

Wealden District Council (WDC) is offering a free programme of exercise events which the town council had already agreed to support by allowing the use of Jarvis Brook recreation ground at no cost. WDC has approached the council to request that the duration of the programme be extended from thirty to fifty weeks.

10236 RESOLVED to extend resolution number 10014 to allow Wealden District Council to use Jarvis Brook Recreation Ground free of charge for a period of fifty weeks for the Our Parks programme.

The Deputy Town Clerk was asked to source advertising materials from WDC and promote the programme on the town council's website and social media.

WOLFE RECREATION GROUND

To note the report on the Wolfe Yard tenders and agree further action.

The report was noted. Members agreed that this work needed to be conducted in order to provide adequate facilities on site and that the lower tender provided the better value for money. In order to fund the work, the committee will need to request Full Council release £65,000.00 from General Reserves.

10237 RESOLVED to award the Wolfe Tractor Shed tender (CTC-WolfeRecTractorShedRefurb) to Drakemoor Ltd at a cost of £98,147.50 subject to Full Council releasing £65,000.00 from General Reserves to fund the remainder of the project costs.

10238 RESOLVED to use £35,000.00 from 301/4039 and 301/4177 towards the Wolfe Tractor Shed refurbishment.

10239 RESOLVED that Earmarked Reserve 315/9067/902 is used as contingency for the project and to fund the purchase of fixtures and fittings for Wolfe Tractor Shed Refurbishment.

To note the report on the water supply and agree further action.

The report was noted. It was agreed that this work needed to be completed before the sale of the Wolfe Cottage and redevelopment of the Wolfe Pavilion.

- 10240 RESOLVED** to instruct South East Water to install a new water meter at Wolfe Recreation Ground at a cost of £ 6,077.49 with funds being taken from EMR 315/9026/902.
- 10241 RESOLVED** to instruct Swayne Limited to install new pipework at Wolfe Recreation Ground at a cost of £12,950.00 with funds being taken from EMR 315/9026/902.

Two members of the public left the meeting at 20:03hrs.

ROSPA REPORT 2023

To note the ROSPA report for 2023

The report was noted. The Operations Manager confirmed that the items marked 'High' have been addressed and work on the skatepark is scheduled for Monday 11th September. Items marked 'Medium' are currently being worked through with some repairs completed and others in the process of being addressed. Members requested an updated report be presented to the committee at the next meeting.

GOLDSMITHS CHANGING ROOMS

To note the report on refurbishment of the changing rooms

The report was noted. It was agreed that APMR be appointed to undertake the remedial works as per the quote provided and that Mark Bibby be instructed to undertake the replacement of the rear fire doors and glass window.

- 10242 RESOLVED** to appoint APMR as the contractor to complete repair works to the changing rooms at Goldsmiths recreation ground at a cost of £8,800.00 with funds to be taken from 312/4323.
- 10243 RESOLVED** to accept Mark Bibby's quote for the replacement of two fire doors and one broken window at a cost of £1,975.00 with funds to be taken from 312/4323.

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

None.

The meeting closed at 20:19 hrs.