

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **COMMUNICATIONS and EVENTS** Committee
 held at the
 Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Present	Councillors	Alison Arthur	Vice Chairperson
		Martyn Everitt	
		Martyn Garrett	Chairperson
		Kay Moss	
		Beverley Pashley	
		Alan Penney*	
		Simon Ryder*	
		Matthew Street*	
		Neil Waller*	
		Natalie Whittle	
Also present		Caroline Miles	Deputy Clerk
		Tracie White	Minute Taking Administrator
		Peter Cunnington	Operations Manager

*Denotes non attendance

APOLOGIES

Cllr Matthew Street
 Cllr Neil Waller

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Kay Moss declared a personal interest in Item 4.1 as she lives close to Goldsmiths Recreation Ground.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of 17th October 2023

10313 RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting of 17th October 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman.

ERIDGE FIELD

To note the report and agree any action

It was noted that the work on Eridge Field should be undertaken as a priority. The field was purchased with public money but is not being utilised.

Football pitches are being maintained at great expense and provide an income for the Council. The council is currently maintaining the pitches to a set standard for football only to hold events on them.

It was noted that in carrying out the work on Eridge Field the council would lose a car parking facility when holding large events. Furthermore, the upgrade would not allow for the Fireworks display to be held on the site.

It was agreed that the proposal would result in an asset for the town and would facilitate the field's use for other community events.

- 10314 RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that £120,000.00 of CiL funds are earmarked towards the Eridge Field improvements.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING

The chairperson expressed his thanks to the staff for their great effort and diligence in ensuring that the fireworks display went ahead despite the torrential rain that ensued whilst they were setting up during the day.

It was noted that moving forward volunteers collecting for the Mayor's charity should be allocated areas to collect funds. There was no light overlooking the steps used as an exit out of the allotment pitch. For 2024 the steps should either be closed off or funds taken from the budget to provide lighting.

It was noted that St Michaels Church had not been notified that the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial had changed from 11.00am to 3pm.

Members were asked to note that an additional C & E meeting had been scheduled for Tuesday 20th August to specifically debrief the Summer event.

The meeting closed at 19:25hrs.