

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the **SPORTS AND RECREATION** Committee held at the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Monday 30th October 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		Caroline Miles	Town Clerk

*Denotes non attendance

APOLOGIES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee meetings held on the 5th September 2023

- 10301 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Sports and Recreation Committee meetings held on 5th September 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairperson.

WOLFE PAVILION PROJECT

To note the report and agree further action.

Members noted the report.

It was noted that what the committee voted for has come in as significantly over budget and is now completely unaffordable. Refurbishment has been consistently dismissed due to the building being a magnet for vandals. In addition to this the cost of replacing the current building with a two story eco building compared to a refurbishment was considered economically viable. However, with the costs of the new build now unsustainable, other options must be considered.

It was noted that the new Pavilion will be hired to sporting organisations who will use the social/club area for social occasions, fund raising through the bar, and for making teas and coffees when cricket is played on the site.

Members were advised that Crowborough Cricket Club has not taken up the Council's offer of a lease on the cricket square from 2024 so may not wish to hire the building. However, it was noted that the building will be available to hire which will allow more organisations to use the facility.

It was noted that the refurbishment option, if the fabric of the building was proved to be sound, would be the environmentally friendly option. The roof structure would need to be changed as vandals climbing onto the flat roof were the cause of so many problems to the original building. In addition, the facade of the building would need to be vandal proof. The current kiosk could be used as a storage facility.

Members agreed that in the light of the unaffordable uplift in cost of the two-storey building, refurbishment was the preferable course of action.

10302 RESOLVED to approve the cost of an engineer's structural survey at £795.00 and an asbestos survey at £400.00 to be taken from budget code: 9064/902

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

Due to the amount of rain over the last few weeks and the predicted rainfall over the next few days the ground conditions on Goldsmiths Recreation Ground will be problematic in terms of the Firework display. Grounds staff have been working to open up the surface of the grassed surface to assist with drainage however, the pyrotechnic company will need to use the running track to obtain access to the site. Spadeoak, the company that constructed the running track is being consulted as to vehicle weight allowed. Straw bales have been purchased to spread around the high traffic areas.

The meeting closed at 20:30 hrs.