

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT SPARROWS GREEN RECREATION GROUND PAVILION, WADHURST THURSDAY 11 JULY 2019 AT 18:30

Present: Cllrs Anderson, Crawford (Chair) and Griffin

Also present: Amanda Barlow (clerk), Trudi O'Neil (Wadhurst Junior Football Club), Guy Milner (Wadhurst Tennis Club) (in part) and Christopher Morris and 1 member of the public

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Apologies were received from Cllr Tincombe and Cllr Maggs.
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members' register of interests.
Cllr Crawford declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.4 as a member of the tennis club.
3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes to include reports from WJF, WTC and other users.
Trudi O'Neill, representative of Wadhurst United Junior Football Club, advised that all football has stopped and the Football Club has had work done on the pitches during the lockdown. The FA has allowed some introduction back to football training and guidance was previously sent to the Parish Council.
Guy Milner (Wadhurst Tennis Club) advised that all the safety procedures are being adhered to. He also advised about the membership of the Tennis Club and the numbers are quite good but are down to the normal numbers. A small number of people have asked for a rebate on the fees for the rent of the Tennis Club.
4. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960.
Members agreed to discuss the contract with the tennis club in confidence at Agenda Item 7.4.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2019
Members resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2019 as being a true record.
6. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2019.
6.2 *The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to the company and asked them to desist from parking at the recreation ground which was for its users only.*
7. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 7.1 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the grass cutting at the recreation ground
Members resolved that Clerk should appoint Landscape Services to cut the grass at the recreation ground at a cost of £906.50. (Action: Clerk)
 - 7.2 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the hire charges of the pavilion and recreation ground
Members resolved that hirers of the recreation ground should pay the same rate as the hirers of the pavilion. (Action: Clerk)
 - 7.3 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the provision of facilities at the recreation ground and a questionnaire for residents
Members noted that there is £88,000 of which part of it is for youth and adult play area.
Members agreed that the RGM Committee should look at options to engaging with the youth to ask for ideas for the recreation ground.
 - 7.5 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions following the guidelines issued regarding the reopening of the recreation ground facilities and pavilion during the Covid19 pandemic
Members resolved that the risk assessment should be undertaken before a date is set for the reopening. Members agreed that the Clerk should order the social distancing signs. (Action: Clerk).

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7.6 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to a playground on the Wadhurst Field & Hall field at Washwell Lane

Cllr Griffin advised that he has discussed the playground and he is getting a quote for the fencing around the playground. Cllr Griffin advised that he has applied for Lawful Development Certificate to see if planning permission is required (which is not likely).

8. Items for noting

8.1 To note spend to date against budget

Noted. The Clerk advised that she has requested that the Finance & Resources Committee move the grass cutting budget for the recreation ground into the budget line for the recreation ground and that funding was moved from earmarked reserves for the Covid19 costs.

8.2 To note the report following the Health & Safety inspection

Noted. Members asked for their thanks to be recorded to Bob Penny, Caretaker, for the excellent condition of the recreation ground and pavilion.

8.3 To note the guidance regarding Covid19 from the Football Association and Lawn Tennis Association

Noted.

9. Urgent issues at the discretion of the Chair for noting or inclusion on future agenda.

None.

7.4 To discuss and agree, if appropriate, the next actions with regard to the tennis club rental agreement

Members agreed not to offer any refund for the lock down period.