

WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

THE MINUTES OF THE AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT SPARROWS GREEN PAVILION ON THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2022 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllr Crawford (Chair), Cllr Griffin, Cllr Anderson, Cllr Gadd (in part) & Cllr Smith.

Also in attendance: Claudine Feltham, Clerk/RFO. There were no members of the public present.

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence.
Trudi O’Niell from Wadhurst Junior Football Club was unable to attend.
2. To receive declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda and updates to members’ register of interests.
Cllr Gadd declared an interest in agenda items 7.2 and 8.2 as a Trustee of Wadhurst Institute Hall and Field CIO.
3. Public Forum – time limit 15 minutes.
No members of public present.
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.
None.
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27th January 2022.
The minutes of 27th January 2022 were approved, this was proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Crawford and reached unanimous approval.
6. To determine matters arising from the previous minutes for updating and noting.
None
7. Items for decision and allocation of resources, if necessary.
 - 7.1 To consider the unit rate of electricity charged to Wadhurst Tennis Club for use of the floodlights.
The rate that WPC charge Wadhurst Tennis Club is currently £12.68 per unit, as it has been for many years. However, the current rate that the supplier is charging WPC is £37.37 per unit.
Resolved: *Cllr Crawford proposed that the unit rate that is charged be increased to our current charge of £37.37 per unit for use from now on, this was seconded by Cllr Griffin and reached unanimous approval.*
Action: *Clerk to advise Wadhurst tennis club.*
Note: *The floodlights are not used again until September, so charges will be applied to invoices from September 2022 onwards.*
 - 7.2 To consider the lease between the parish council and WIHF for the community toilets provision.
Members considered the current lease with WIHF for the toilets and the separate contract for cleaning. Resolved: Cllr Griffin proposed for the lease of the toilets to be continued from November 2022 for a further seven years, but for it to remain separate to the toilets cleaning contract, this was seconded by Cllr Crawford and reached unanimous approval.
The Cleaning contract is currently awarded on an annual basis, members agreed that this could be increased to 3 years subject to satisfactory performance.
Action: *Clerk to contact WIHF CIO to advise of the above, and if they accept this, to contact Berry & Lamberts to deal with the new lease.*

1943 hours SG arrived – she did not take part in agenda item 7.2

7.3 Carpet at the Pavilion – Cllr Griffin

Members considered the condition of the carpet and all agreed that it was in good condition and well maintained by the Caretaker. The routine clean would take place in the summer (when bookings permit). **Resolved:** Cllr Griffin proposed that we keep the current carpet, have it cleaned during the summer and review after building works take place. This was seconded by Cllr Anderson and reached unanimous approval.

7.4 Lease of Jardin d'Aubers with ESFR

The Clerk advised that she had still not had a response to her enquiries to ESFR with regards to arranging a new lease. Members considered how the required, expensive, tree works could not be carried out until the lease had been renewed. At full council on 9th June 2022, it was agreed that a working party would look at the lease. **Action:** working party to meet next week to discuss in further detail (Cllr C Moore, Cllr Shairp and Cllr Gadd).

7.5 Sewage system/replacement pumps at Sparrows Green.

The Clerk advised that the Caretaker had kindly located some paperwork from the original installation, and so she intended to contact them to see if they could provide any information on the original pumps.

Cllr Gadd suggested that we should also look into the possibility of connecting to the mains sewers. **Action:** Clerk to contact Grundfos Sarlin Pumps and Southern Water.

8 Items for discussion

8.1 Installation of replacement equipment at Sparrows Green

Cllr Anderson commented that the Harris fencing in place had huge gaps in it, and was not secured to the fence/equipment and the restricted site area could easily be accessed. There was also an amount of waste soil deposited in the hedge row behind the sports wall. He hoped that this would not be the case for the Washwell Lane installation.

The Clerk advised that an independent Inspector was coming on 27th June 2022, and would then report to us on whether the areas could be opened for use.

Action: Clerk to speak to Creative Play about Cllr Andersons concerns.

8.2 Planned installation of new play equipment at Washwell Lane

Cllr Griffin commented that when the play area was designed and ordered, nobody mentioned a required 2-meter gap between the fence and the play equipment, and this was now causing issues for the installation. The 2-meter gap was first mentioned by John Mitchell at the site meeting last week.

Members agreed that we did not want to lose the use of one piece of the equipment. **Action:** Cllr Crawford and Cllr Griffin to liaise with John Mitchel, WIHF CIO as soon as possible and then update the Clerk.

9 Items for noting only

9.1 To note Amenity Committee, spend to date against budget

10. Any new amenities issues

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

Action: Cllr Griffin requested that there be an agenda item for full council on 7th July 2022 to request for the Lengths man to continue some additional work on Jardin.

Meeting closed at 2032 hours