

# NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2017, AT 7.00pm, IN THE SEACOURT HALL, BOTLEY.

**Present:** Councillors: The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter and Councillors J. Bolder, Mrs. V. Carr, D. Kay, L. Kunzemann, Ms. A. MacKeith and A. Pritchard.

**Others:** 3 members of the public and A. J. Stone (Parish Clerk).

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors L. Berrett, Mrs. J. Hammett, R. Mayne and District Councillor Mrs. E. Smith.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **a). Further consideration of the proposal for fun run event in May 2017.**

Nick Berwick (Explorer Scouts) gave an overview of the proposed event and confirmed that parking had been secured at Matthew Arnold School, a first aid company would be employed and have people present at the event, there would be numerous commercial stalls, a fun dog show, a climbing wall which would be staffed by fully trained scout leaders, a cake stall and cake competition and hopefully some local school bands. The organisers were currently applying for a temporary events licence and they would have 40/50 parents who would act as stewards.

The fun run would start on the track above the Louie Memorial 'Upper' playing field at 11.00am and go along public rights of way past the beacon, past Chilswell Farm, along the road to Boars Hill, past Youlbury, returning past the beacon and finishing in the Louie Memorial Upper playing field at 4.00pm, when the race event would close. Organisers were currently contacting local land owners including Cumnor Parish Council and safety and first aiders, stewards and directional signage would be provided along the route where there would be a maximum of 500 runners.

Matthew Arnold School had spaces for 200 cars, their car park opening at 7.30am and closing at 6.00pm. The organisers would speak with the local police about the event and possible traffic issues and they had decided not to apply for a road closure order. They would have marshals on the road to ensure traffic flowed smoothly. The Parish Clerk advised the organisers to contact the County Council in relation to the use of public bridleways and paths. The organisers would want early access to the 'Upper' playing field and would put arrangements in hand to clear the field of litter/rubbish at the end of the event. Councillors would consider whether they should restrict use of the 'Lower' playing field car park to local residents who wished to use the playing fields.

**Councillor J. Bolder proposed and Councillor L. Kunzemann seconded the motion that 'the Recreation and Amenities Committee recommended to Council that it approved the use of the Louie Memorial 'Upper' playing field for the event, subject to the event organisers: -**

- a). Obtaining permission to run the event from all relevant authorities, organisations and land owners.**
- b). The VWHDC granting the necessary licences to run the event.**
- c). Evidence that the organisers public liability insurance was sufficient for the event.**
- d). That organisers displayed notices saying who ran the event and that NHPC accepted no liability for any issues that were related to and during the event'.**

**Councillors UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED the motion.**

**b). Expressions of interest from Matthew Arnold School about hiring out LM fields and pavilion during school hours in the future.**

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter made reference to a paper containing the details which had been circulated to committee members prior to the meeting and summarised the reasons for the Matthew Arnold School's expression of interest to hire out facilities on the Louie Memorial 'Upper' field and pavilion. Councillor C. Potter believed there were clear advantages to both the council and the school in having such an arrangement.

Councillors asked a number of questions in relation to the expression of interest and E. Casley (Chairman of the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Trust) fully supported the proposals as it would probably mean the LMPMT would be able to make use of the school's ground maintenance team on the 'Upper' field football pitch, as this was now being used on a regular basis. Councillor Mrs. V. Carr queried whether it was OK to rent out the field as it should be accessible to members of the public.

**Councillor D. Kay proposed and Councillor L. Kunzemann seconded the motion that 'the R & A Committee set up a working group to further discussions with Matthew Arnold School in relation to their expression of interest in hiring out the LM fields and pavilion during school hours. The working group to consist of Councillor C. Potter, J. Bolder, Mrs. V. Carr and A. Pritchard and E. Casley, (Chairman of the LMPMT) and be set up as soon as possible with a view to reporting their findings and recommendations to the Recreation and Amenities Committee'.**

**Councillors UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED the motion.**

**c). Interim Report from Leisure Working Group**

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter confirmed that the Elderly consultation had now closed and the details would be discussed at the next meeting of the committee. The Youth consultation was currently running and consisted of questionnaires sent to local schools and an on-line questionnaire for local children who attended other schools. The results from this consultation would also be reported to the next meeting of this committee. Councillor C. Potter then explained the checking process for summarising the return of questionnaires and a number of councillors and the Parish Clerk agreed to do the checking.

**d). Update from North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers - Councillor Mrs. V. Carr.**

Councillor Mrs. V. Carr gave a brief summary of the work recently undertaken and proposed by the North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers. The group would be seeking an annual grant from the council to cover their insurance costs.

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter thanked the volunteers for the work they were doing on behalf of the council.

**e). Update from the Louie Memorial Pavilion Trustees.**

E. Casley (Chairman of the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Trust) thanked the council for paying for the recent works at the pavilion. He reported that the football pitch was now being used on a more regular basis, but this had the disadvantage that the pitch was often cut-up during wet weather meaning that it was unplayable. The LMPMT were considering the possibility of creating a second relief pitch further into the 'Upper' field, but both pitches would not be used together. **The LMPMT would seek the council's permission to create a second pitch.**

**4. ANY OTHER ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

There were no other items.

**5. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

6<sup>th</sup> April 2017

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.