

# NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE, HELD ON THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016, 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, R. Mayne and A. Pritchard.

**Others:** E. Casely (Chairman, LMPMT) and A. J. Stone (Parish Clerk).

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

Apologies were received from Councillors L. Berrett, D. Kay and Mrs. J. Hammett.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Councillor Ms. A. MacKeith proposed and Councillor L. Kunzemann seconded Councillor R. Mayne as Vice-Chairman. As there were no other nominations, Councillor R. Mayne was elected as Vice-Chairman.

### **4. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### **a). Grant Request to the VWHDC for Works at the Louie Memorial Pavilion**

The Parish Clerk explained that the VWHDC would not accept the submitted grant application in the name of the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Committee as the council owned the pavilion. The Vale then explained that in considering the grant they wanted to see what the fund balances were held by the council to see if it had sufficient funds to pay for the works. As the repairs for the pavilion were urgently needed and the earliest any grant from the Vale would be paid was late November 2016, the grant application was withdrawn.

#### **b). Urgent Works at the Louie Memorial Pavilion**

The Parish Clerk reported that as the security works at the pavilion were now urgent and to comply with our insurers requirements he had approached the Chairman of the Council, and the Chairman of the various committees with a view to authorising the undertaking of the identified works as an urgent matter. E. Casely (LMPMT) confirmed to the meeting that until the works were completed, he would have to continue cancelling bookings at the pavilion.

On receiving agreement from the 4 chairmen who had replied he arranged for the works to be undertaken on the basis of the submitted quotations acquired for the grant claim application to the VWHDC.

The committee were fully SUPPORTIVE of the action taken by the chairmen and the Parish Clerk in relation to the need for the urgent works.

#### **c). Proposal for Explorer Scouts Funding Raising Event in 2017**

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter informed the meeting that she had been in e-mail contact with Nick Berwick, who was still waiting for some information from Matthew Arnold School regarding parking arrangements which would allow him to complete his report to the committee. It was therefore AGREED to defer this item to the January 2017 meeting.

*Action: Put on the January 2017 agenda.*

#### **d). Pitch Roller Loan**

Councillors considered the circulated e-mail response from the BB&GFC and following some discussion members AGREED to recommendation to council that it confirms its willingness to allow the BB&GFC to use the roller, on the terms previously advised and rather than retain it at their ground in Fogwell Road, Cumnor, to return the roller each time after using it to the Louie Memorial Upper playing field.

*Action: Report the recommendation to the Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016.*

## STANDING ITEMS

### e). **North Hinksey Conservation Volunteers**

Councillor Mrs. V. Carr reported that there had been reduced activity during August, but the volunteers were arranging for a 3 further working parties during November and December 2016. A complaint had been received from a member of the public regarding vegetation growing from LM 'Lower' the car park in Arnolds Road.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact G. Sillman about arranging for his annual removal of the vegetation from the car park.*

### f). **Leisure Working Group Update**

The Chairman, Councillor C. Potter summarised her circulated report on the various meeting and work undertaken by the working group, explaining in some detail the various consultation process/meetings undertaken with young people. At the meeting various methods of engaging young people were discussed and a number of new ideas resulted from those discussions.

Reference was made to the recent Elderly/Impaired survey which had resulted in 50 responses and the details had been analysed. The working group would be undertaking further discussions with all interested parties during the autumn months.

Councillors thanked Councillor Potter for an informative report which highlighted the actions of the working groups during the current year.

### g). **Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Trust (LMPMT)**

Emmett Casely, the Chairman of the LMPMT addressed the committee and made reference to the recently circulated OPFA report on the Louie Memorial playing fields and pavilion. He welcomed the reference in the report regarding the various development opportunities available to the parish council, especially in relation to replacing the current pavilion which was in need of constant repair. He emphasised the point that a new/modern pavilion would encourage more people to use the playing fields and the recreational facilities. He informed the meeting that the Louie Memorial Pavilion Management Trust would be willing to help the parish council to raise funds for a replacement pavilion.

Councillor C. Potter confirmed that the OPFA report contained much useful information on the funding of new facilities and hope that all parties could work together in a co-ordinated way.

## 4. ANY OTHER MATTERS/INFORMATION

### a). **ROSPA Safety Checks**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that the safety checks had been undertaken and any items with medium or high action points were being rectified by G. Sillman, the council's playground maintenance person, who would report back to the Parish Clerk on the work he had undertaken.

### b). **Clearance of Concrete Path between Hurst Rise Road and Hutchcomb Road**

The R & A Committee to consider whether to seek the restoration of a budget for cutting back the vegetation along the concrete path through the copse area between Hurst Rise Road and Hutchcomb Road.

*Action: The R & A Committee to consider this item when considering the committee's estimates for 2017/2018.*

### c). **New Play Equipment – New Lime Road Housing Development**

Councillor A. Pritchard enquired when the new play equipment that should be installed by the developer would be in place. Councillor C. Potter reminded the meeting that this was a matter between the developer and the VWHDC who had made its installation a condition of their planning approval.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to contact the local District Councillors for an update.*

### d). **Bridle Path between the LM Playing Fields and Brookes University Land**

Councillor Ms. A. MacKeith explained that she had been asked who was responsible for maintain the bridle path and the area of land leading to it from Lime Road. It was confirmed that the County Council was responsible for the bridle path and the builder of the Lime Road houses for the maintenance of the Lime Road land leading to the bridle path.

## 5. DATE OF NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The meeting finished at 7.40pm