



Fair Oak & Horton Heath Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Leisure and Properties Committee Meeting
held on Monday 4 February 2019 at 7.00 pm
at 2 Knowle Park Lane, Fair Oak**

Present: Cllrs Goss, McGuinness, Noel (Chairman) & Mrs Shephard

Also in attendance: Cllr Spearey

Officers in Attendance: Ms M Stephens, Clerk, Mrs L Greenslade, Deputy Clerk & C Burchett, Parish Ranger

Apologies: Cllr Bird & Mrs Douglas.

PUBLIC SESSION

None present.

66 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

67 MINUTES (PAPER A)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Leisure & Properties Committee meeting held on 10 December 2018 (approved by the Full Council on 17 December 2018), be noted.

68 PROPERTY MATTERS

The Parish Ranger updated Members on several matters, including: -

- Request for a clothes bank in Horton Heath Community Centre car park
- Purchase of two defibrillators (one for each community centre) and exploring option to install an additional defib at Fair Oak Library.
- School parking on snowy days
- Christmas decoration electrics
- Installation of units and fridges in the cricket scoreboard.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the request for a clothes bank from Scope at the Horton Heath Community Centre be permitted, on a six-month trial basis;
- b) That two defibrillators be purchased, for the Woodland Community Centre, and Horton Heath Community Centre;
- c) That Hampshire County Council be contacted seeking permission for a defibrillator to be sited on the Fair Oak Library building;
- d) That the Council maintain its Policy of car parking at its sites for Council business only;

- e) That the electric socket above the new butcher's shop be moved to accommodate their awning, at a cost of £50; and
- f) That the request made by the Fair Oak Cricket Club for the installation of units and fridges in the scoreboard hut be granted.

69 SHORTS ROAD/NEW CENTURY PARK PLAY AREA

The Clerk informed the Committee that negotiations with the Scouting Association regarding the surrender of their lease on Shorts Road was still taking place. It was unclear what the outcome of these discussions would be and how long this would take.

As such, the Clerk suggested, given that the play equipment at New Century Park was at the end of its usable lifespan, that work commence to replace this equipment. When the land currently occupied by the Scout Hut became available, the Parish Council could consider what community facilities to place on this site then. The replacement of the play equipment should not be delayed by this matter. Views of residents gathered in the survey held last year would be used to shape the type of equipment placed on site. Given the current pressure on staff to progress this play area, it was suggested that quotes be obtained for a specialist play project manager.

RESOLVED:

- a) That the suggestion of hiring a play equipment consultant to progress this project, as well as the Crowdhill Green project, be approved;
- b) That quotes be obtained to employ a local consultant to progress the play area project;
- c) That, Officers commence the process for the replacement play equipment at New Century Park; and
- b) That decision regarding the use of the Shorts Road site currently occupied by the Scout Hut be deferred.

70 FEES & CHARGES 2019/20 (REPORT B)

Members considered fees and charges under the remit of this Committee, to take effect on 1 April 2019.

Members discussed the seasonal fee for the cricket club as agreed by the Finance Committee on 12 November 2018 which had already been included in the 2019/20 budget. Members considered the expenditure spent on Lapstone playing fields, the Pavilion and resources needed to maintain these sites for the sole benefit of cricket, in comparison to the income received and determined that cricket in Fair Oak was heavily subsidised by the tax payer. As such, members felt that the fee set by the Finance Committee was reasonable and proportionate.

Members discussed whether football fixtures should also be charged a seasonal fee and determined that it was a completely different set up and should not be considered.

Members expressed the view that the fees set out in table 3.1 of Report B to the Committee were appropriate and recommended their adoption by the Full Council.

RECOMMENDED:

- a) That the seasonal cricket fee of £3,000 set by the Finance Committee be supported; and

b) That the fees and charges as set out in table 3.1 of Report B be approved.

71 CRICKET CLUB CONTRACT RENEWAL (REPORT C)

Members considered the Cricket Club Contract renewal document, as set out in Appendix 1 to Report C to the Committee.

RESOLVED

- a) That the Cricket Club service level agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to Report C be approved; and
- b) That the Service Level Agreement be signed by the Chairman of the Council.

72 WORK PROGRAMME (REPORT D)

RESOLVED

That the work programme with amendments be approved.

73 COMMUNITY EVENTS SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED

That the recommendations of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 4 February 2019 be approved.

This was all the business and the meeting finished at 8.15 pm.

Signed Chairman