

Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee – 26th January 2009
Held at The Brockridge Centre, Woodend Road, Frampton Cotterell

Present: Mrs J Rowan (Chairman), Mr B Hendy, Mr B Thomson, Mrs S Tubey and Mr R Underhill

Also present: Mr G Lewis

Apologies: Mrs P Bashford, Mr T Clothier, Mr D Hockey, Ms S Kitching and Mr D Manfield

176 As neither the Chairman or the Vice Chairman was present at the meeting following a proposal from Cllr Thomson, seconded by Cllr Underhill it was:

RESOLVED:

That Cllr Mrs Rowan be Chairman for the meeting.

Cllr Mrs Rowan assumed the chair

177 Emergency Evacuation Procedure

The Chairman drew attention to the emergency evacuation procedure.

178 Declarations of Interest under the Local Government Act 1972

Cllr D Hockey declared that the participation of those Parish councillors who are also members of the South Gloucestershire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in the agenda would be on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Parish Council. Parish Council members who are also District Councillors reserved their final views until they were in full possession of all the relevant information both for and against.

Cllr Hendy declared a personal interest as an allotment holder.

179 Confirmation of Minutes

Following a proposal by Cllr Underhill seconded by Cllr Hendy it was:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee Meeting of 3rd November 2008 be confirmed and signed.

180 Matters Arising from the Minutes

a Min 171 (a) Weed Killing around the Tennis Courts

It was agreed to deal with this item in the Park Report.

b Min 171 (e) Tree Works in Park Row

It was reported that these works took place on 4th December 2008 as scheduled and that the invoice has now been settled.

This was noted.

c Min 171(c) Confirmation of repairs to broken windows to the lower floor of the Pavilion

It was reported that all repairs to the lower windows of the Pavilion have now been completed and the invoice has now been settled.

It was also reported that the insurance claim for the repairs was in the process of being done.

This was noted.

181 Park Sports Consultative Committee

a Emails had been received by the Rangers Football Club and Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club explaining that they felt the proposed rise of 5% on rents for 2009/10 was excessive.

The Committee discussed the outgoings amounting in the region of £20,000 and the income in the region of £5,000 along with the acknowledgement that the grasscutting/maintenance schedule is to rise by 4.5% and therefore it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To raise the rents by 5% for the following clubs:
Frampton Athletic Football Club, Rangers Football Club, Frampton Cotterell Rugby Club and Frampton Cotterell Cricket Club.
- To notify the Clubs by email of the Parish Councils' decision.
- To explain to the Clubs that they are entitled to apply to the Parish Council for a grant.
- To ensure that the Parish Council investigates the setting of rents in more detail next year.
- To add this to the next Park Sports Consultative Committee for re-iteration.

182 Sustainable Energy Report

The Chairman reported that the Brockeridge Committee who are also looking into this delegated to Cllrs Clothier, D Hockey and the Deputy Clerk to take this forward on the understanding that it is at no cost to the Parish Council.

Following a proposal by Cllr Mrs Rowan it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That it be delegated to the above Councillors along with the Deputy Clerk for further investigation.

ACTION CLLRS CLOTHIER AND D HOCKEY

183 Ecovision

It was reported that the man dealing with this had now left the company and it has not been possible to progress this.

This was noted.

184 Mill Lane Allotments Report

a Min 166(c) Cancellation of the Meeting of the sub-committee on 18th November 2008

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the next meeting be postponed at this time.
- The Parish Council re-visits this sometime in the future.

b Allotment Appraisals

The committee requested that a camera be used at the next appraisals and any photographs taken be submitted to the committee.

Following a proposal by Cllr Hendy it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- That the appraisals be adjourned until April.

c Plot 4(b)

A letter had been received by the tenant stating that she no longer wishes to keep the plot.

Following a proposal by Cllr Hendy, seconded by Cllr Mrs Rowan it was:

RESOLVED to recommend:

- Not to issue a refund to the tenant.
- To offer the tenant of Plot 21 the chance to take over Plot 4(b) as previously agreed.
- To offer the next person on the waiting list Plot 21, but to stress that this will have to be on the understanding that he may be asked to move to the next available plot in approximately 12 months time.
- To ensure the Parish Council gives consideration to the haulingways within the next 12 months.

Cllr Mrs Tubey gave clarification to the committee that if there were eight people wanting an allotment plot that they would have the right to request that the Parish Council investigate the feasibility of more land.

Cllr Mrs Rowan confirmed that the Parish Council is currently in the process of seeking more land for allotment gardens.

185 Centenary Field Report

a Grasscutting contract for 2009/10

It was reported to the committee that the two-year contract with Landscape Services (SW) Ltd had finished but that enquiries had been made as to whether a three-year contract would be available with the company.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To accept the terms in the offer of the three-year contract at a total cost of £3,130.17 + VAT for the 1st year to rise by 1.5% in the year 2010 & 2011.

b Five-Year Tree Plan

It was reported to the committee that the 2nd year of the plan had commenced last week.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To contact the contractor and ascertain when the works will be finished.
- To email the committee when the works are finished and arrange a site visit.

186 The Park Report

a Min 167 Sports Clubs request to use the overflow car park for training purposes

Cllr D Hockey had agreed to look into any planning constraints there might be if lights were erected to the side of the Pavilion to facilitate this.

Cllr Mrs Tubey suggested that the lights be placed on a meter system.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To email Cllr D Hockey for any further information.
- To place this on the next Park Sports Consultative Committee Agenda.

b Grasscutting/Maintenance Contract due for renewal

It was reported that the Parish Council had agreed to enter into a three-year contract with SGC. The contract is still awaited.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To agree to the three-year contract when the contract is received.

c Min 155 (f) Repairs to Stone Wall on Court Road

The committee congratulated Mrs Jefferies on obtaining a grant towards the cost of the repairs and noted that the work had been completed and the invoice had been settled.

d Village Action

An email had been received from Village Action with various questions asked.

As discussion took place on how better the use of the Tennis Courts at The Park could be used.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To request advice from Mrs Nellie North and to invite her to a meeting at the Brockeridge Centre before the next Leisure and Recreation meeting.
- To request that Crossbow Tennis Club attend the meeting also.
- To have discussion on how to make the tennis courts more available for use.
- To let Village Action know the outcome of this meeting explaining that the Parish Council is doing its best to look into how it could make the Tennis Courts more available.
- To forward all comments made by Village Action regarding land at Park Farm to Tina Rainey (Open Spaces, SGC) with a copy to Village Action.

e Fire Extinguishers Annual Check due at the Pavilion and the Cricket Pavilion

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To accept the quotation from Avon Extinguishers Ltd in the amount of £15 per site visit.
- To liaise with the Leader in Charge of the Youth Group and arrange a visit and talk by the fire brigade.

f Annual Fire Alarm Contract at the Pavilion

Advanced Security Systems have been awarded the contract to conduct the annual test to the fire alarm at the Pavilion at a cost of £48 + VAT per annum.

This was noted.

187 Beesmoor Road Report

a BRPFMC Minutes of Meeting of 18th November 2008

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To suggest to Mr Williams (Chariman of BRPFMC) that he invites PC Barraclough to the next meeting if problems are still occurring in the Beesmoor Road area.

188 Ridings Road Report

Repairs reported during the weekly inspections have now been completed.

This was noted

189 Correspondence

a An email had been received by SGC requesting information on allotment gardens run by the Parish Council.

It was agreed to forward any relevant information to SGC.

b Play Equipment Annual Checks

It was agreed that the annual check of all play equipment owned by the Parish Council take place in April when it becomes due.

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To request that RoSPA conduct the checks.

190 Any Other Business

a Emergency lights check

It was agreed that Cllrs Hendy and D Hockey meet with Mr Haley to conduct the test.

b Crossbow Tennis Club

RESOLVED to recommend:

- To raise the rent for 2009/10 by 5%.

191 Date of Next Meeting

MONDAY 9TH MARCH 2009 AT 7.45 PM AT THE BROCKERIDGE CENTRE