Horndean Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 24TH OCTOBER 2022 AT 7PM.

PRESENT : Councillors Mrs E Tickell (chairman), Cllr J Lay, Cllr B Raymond, Cllr S Freeman, Cllr A Forbes

IN ATTENDANCE : Carla Baverstock-Jones (Chief Officer), Matt Madill (Grounds Manager) Susan Blake (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE : 1 Member of the public present

G 097/22/23 **To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs L Evans and Cllr D Prosser.

G 098/22/23 **To Receive any Declaration of interest**

No declarations of interest were received

G 099/22/23 **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Grounds committee held on 11th July 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting

G 100/22/23 **To receive a verbal update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.**

Verbal update was received from Grounds Manager
A great deal of hedge cutting has been undertaken but is coming to an end now.
Grass cutting on going.
Tidied Memorial Square
Board walk completed with help from Volunteers

G 101/22/23 **To receive a report and quotations in respect of repairs to play equipment, and consider the way forward.**

Reports and quotations circulated.
Committee proposed to carry out all repairs by utilising the EMR – Replacement Play Equipment. Further quotation to be sought in respect of the replacement nest swing.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommended to Council.

E Tickell

G 102/22/23 **To receive a report and consider the quotations in respect of palisade fencing at Jubilee.**

It was **RESOLVED** to defer and monitor the anti-social behaviour within the fenced area.

G 103/22/23 **To consider the future maintenance of the footpaths within the Parish of Horndean.**

Currently partially maintained by 2 volunteers with hand tools – insurance issues and whether the Parish Council should provide electric tools, insurance, training and supervision. It was agreed the matter is to remain with Rights of Way who have a legal obligation to ensure footpaths remain passable.

G 104/22/23 **To receive and consider the provision of a 'green trail loop' as a potential Community Infrastructure Levy project.**

Brief discussion took place.
Cllr E Tickell put forward the suggestion of a heritage trail
Grounds Committee recommend to apply for CIL funding
It was **RESOLVED** to recommended to Council

G 105/22/23 **To note the concerns raised as to the toxic 'forever chemicals' pertaining to artificial turf.**

Article circulated for the Committees awareness and noted.
Brief discussion took place.

G 106/22/23 **To resolve to exclude the public and the press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted. (Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960).**

1 member of the public left the meeting 7.45pm

G 107/22/23 **To receive and approve the Confidential Minutes of the Grounds Meeting held on Monday 11 July 2022.**

It was **RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes of the Grounds committee held on 11th July 2022 be signed as a true record of the meeting

G 108/22/23 **To receive a report and consider the current and potential future staffing levels within the Countryside Team, and agree the way forward in respect of prioritising workload.**

Interviews to be held on Wednesday 26th October 2022, for the replacement of two Estate Wardens.

G 109/22/23 **To receive an update in respect of the ongoing insurance matter pertaining to a tree within the ownership of the Parish Council.**

It was decided by the Grounds Committee for the tree to be felled and a replacement tree to be planted in an appropriate location.

G 110/22/23 **To receive notification of alleged tree damage to property, and consider the way forward.**

Deferred until more investigations can be made by the resident and provided to the Parish Council.

Meeting closed 8pm.

Signed ..... E J Sikell

Date 21-11-22