HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E Tickell (Chairman), D Alexander, M Burridge, Mrs L Evans, P Little, N Wren

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer, Sarah Guy, Senior Administrator (Minute Taker) and Matthew Madill, Grounds Manager.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public present.

G 012/17/18 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs D Denston and R Sowden.

G 013/17/18 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

G 014/17/18 **TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN TO THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wren be elected as Vice Chairman of the Grounds Committee. This was proposed by Cllr Mrs E Tickell and seconded by Cllr Mrs L Evans.

G 015/17/18 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 03 JULY 2017**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 3rd July 2017 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr Little and seconded by Cllr Alexander.

G 016/17/18 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present.

G 017/17/18 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND NOTE THE PRESENCE OF A FUNGAL INFECTION WITHIN THE ASH TREES ON CATHERINGTON LITH**

A report by the Grounds Manager was circulated, along with a map showing the location of the Ash die back. The Grounds Manager confirmed that the numbers on the map correlated to the amount of affected trees within each area of Catherington Lith. He said that it looked as though some of the trees would need to be felled due to locations near footpaths and roads etc., but said the felling would be done selectively and safely.

The report was noted by the Grounds Committee.

G 018/17/18 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE WOODLAND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Woodland Management Plan was circulated.

Cllr Mrs L Evans queried if anything could be done to discourage people from straying from the footpaths at Yoells Copse. The Grounds Manager suggested that hazel coppice fencing could be used if heavy erosion was present through desired lines. He also clarified that scalloped edging was when semi-circular edges were cut out along a footpath and said scalloped edging could help increase wildlife habitat, whilst also reducing the effect of wind funnelling.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Grounds Committee recommend to Council that the Woodland Management Plan be adopted.

G 019/17/18 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE QUOTATION IN RESPECT OF THE REPAIR OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MERCHISTOUN HALL**

A report by the Senior Administrator was circulated and a discussion took place regarding the quotation to replace the Grand Canyon play equipment at Merchistoun Hall.

It was **RESOLVED** that

- A secondary quotation be obtained with the view to replace the one broken post, rather than the Grand Canyon play equipment in its entirety.
- The Grounds Manager visit the play area and inspect the equipment, with the view to giving his opinion.

G 020/17/18 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT AND CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF A GOAL POST AT DEEP DELL RECREATION GROUND**

A report by the Senior Administrator was circulated. A discussion took place and concerns were raised over the low height of the hedge at Deep Dell Recreation Ground and the impact to residents living nearby. Traffic concerns were also raised, due to the Recreation Ground being in close proximity to the Recreation Ground.

It was stated that enquiries had been made with HCC, in order to determine if they had any comments regarding the proposed location. It was noted that HCC had not answered the specific questions.

It was **RESOLVED** that HPC would not proceed with the installation of a Goal Post at Deep Dell Recreation Ground at this time.

The meeting closed at 6.58PM

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Chairman

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