HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON MONDAY 06 JULY 2015 AT 7.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs E Tickell (Chairman), Councillors D Alexander, Mrs D Denston, Mrs L Evans and N Wren

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IN ATTENDANCE: Sarah Guy, Senior Administrator (Minute Taker).

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were present.

G15/16 001 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Burridge and R Sowden.

G15/16 002 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

G15/16 003 **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 02 MARCH 2015**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 02 March 2015 be duly signed as a true record of the meeting.

This was proposed by Cllr D Alexander and seconded by Cllr Mrs E Tickell.

G15/16 004 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

No members of the public were present, therefore no discussions took place.

G115/16 005 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REGARDING PROJECTS BEING PLANNED AND UNDERTAKEN**

A report by the Grounds Manager was circulated. A discussion was had by Council members and the following points and queries were raised.

- Clarification required as to the other party to the HLS agreement.
- Whether any tickets had been issued by Wardens in the Countryside Team in respect of dog fowling.
- A reminder that amendments to the management plans needed to be approved by the Committee for recommendation to Council.
- In relation to the planting project at Downs Park, the planting detail is to be approved at Committee before the autumn.
- In respect of the replacement of the information boards, Councillors understood that this was coming back to Council with more detailed information including that in relation to the cost.
- Clarification as to the climbing equipment for tree work needed, whether a log was being kept of all equipment owned by HPC and whether or not it was marked as HPC property.

- Information requested regarding the voluntary clean up event to be organised.
- The Current Management Plan for green waste was discussed. It was stated that the Countryside Team currently have an agreement with Blendworth Tree Surgeons, whereby he takes and disposes of any green waste.
- Clarification was sought as to where the Aspen Coppice was planted. This was answered by Cllr Mrs E Tickell, who stated that this was done at Hazleton Common.

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. The Management plans go before the Grounds Committee for discussion and approval regarding green waste and wood disposal.
2. Any changes to the Management Plan at Wagtail Copse be reviewed by the Grounds Committee.
3. Clarification be sought and fed back to the Grounds Committee with regards to the following:
    - In relation to the HLS agreement, the nature of the last minute projects planned and the timescales for completion.
    - The other party to the HLS agreement.
    - The number of tickets issued at Catherington Down in respect of dog fowling.
    - The climbing equipment for tree work already owned, that needed, whether there is a log being kept of all equipment owned by HPC and whether or not it is marked as HPC property.
    - The clean-up voluntary event.

G115/16 006 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER A REPORT IN RESPECT OF THE REPLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT AT MERCHISTOUN HALL**

A report by the Clerk was circulated.

The recommendation in the report was for the replacement of the net and the overhead log given that it is assessed as being a medium risk, or alternatively to continue to repair the net by taping over the exposed wire.

A discussion was had by Council members and the following points were made:

- The play equipment at Merchistoun hall is very well used, especially around school time.
- The Chairman of the Ground Committee suggested that further investigation is done regarding the cost of the netting, and suggested that office staff make enquiries regarding costing with a company called Huck Netting, who specialise in netting equipment. Huck netting are able to remove sections of netting and replace with new netting, fixed together using specialist grips.
- There is no budget for a replacement net, therefore the money would need to be found, but in the meantime should continue to be repaired.
- Cllr Denston felt that the replacement of the net could not be ignored if it could be dangerous not to replace it.

It was **RESOLVED** that

1. Huck Netting should be contacted for further investigation regarding costing.
2. The netting at Merchistoun hall should continue to be repaired in the meantime, making it safe for use.
3. Investigation into the money available and sources of funding.

4. A report to be done and presented at the next Grounds Committee meeting, detailing how matters picked up on weekly inspections are brought forward as a repair/replacement and how this is achieved.

The meeting closed at 8:15PM

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Chairman

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