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A MEETING OF OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2019 AT 7.00PM IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE, THE OLD BAKERY, GOLDEN SQUARE, PETWORTH

MINUTES

Present: Cllr R. Hanauer, Chairman
Cllr S. Atkins
Cllr D. Burden
Cllr A. Copus
Cllr J. Fynes
Cllr C. Kemp
Cllr M. Peet
Cllr J. Scallon
Melanie Kite, Clerk

42/19 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones should be turned off, and advised that the meeting would be recorded for the purposes of the minutes. He pointed out the fire escape route.

43/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

None

44/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

45/19 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2019 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record.

Proposed Cllr Burden, seconded Cllr Peet, unanimously approved.

46/19 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

Questions from Cllr Hanauer on other matters not arising from the minutes or on the agenda

- Written confirmation had been received from Chichester District Council regarding the money earmarked for the skatepark.
- Cllr Kemp to follow up on the verbal agreement on land from The Leconfield Estate as an alternative site for the skatepark

- The Clerk confirmed that the letter informing tenants of the allotment rental increases had been sent with the invoices. A deposit on all new tenancy agreements will be added.
- A working party will meet on Saturday to help clear and divide plot 4 Tillington road allotment.
- The Clerk to purchase 2 further rolls of black plastic and ground staples.

47/19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public were present.

48/19 ACTION LIST

Cllr Kemp requested that the path running from Grove Lane down to the primary school, which is not owned by the Town Council, no longer be maintained by the Town Council. The Clerk will inform HJS Landscapes not to cut this area.

A contractor will be sought to paint the lamp posts in Rosemary Gardens. The contractor used by CDC should be contacted.

Grit bins – Cllr Copus had received a letter from the doctor’s surgery regarding placing a grit bin at the entrance. He will reply to this.

WSSC has no objection to one being placed in the library area but requested that it be placed behind the wall on the right.

Further correspondence with Mr. Golden and his project manager regarding the removal and safe keeping of the turn stile and benches along Jubilee Walk continues.

The Clerk to write to The Leconfield Estate to notify it of the broken kissing gate and fence at the top of the Shimmings Valley.

49/19 HAMPERS COMMON PLAYGROUND

Cllr Kemp had received a letter from The Right Honourable Sir Geoffrey Pattie regarding the position and close proximity of the playground to the residential houses at Hampers Green. This was read out to the committee members.

A long discussion took place as to how best to address the concerns of the residents whose houses back onto the playground.

Cllr Hanauer suggested moving the picnic bench as had been requested by these residents. Cllr Peet was in favour of this if a suitable place, where parents could still be close enough to the children, could be decided on.

Cllr Kemp said that it was a small minority of people who continually object to where the play area is sited and that moving the picnic bench would not help the situation. He decided that if the committee voted in favour of moving the bench then this should move to Full Council to approve.

Following a show of hands: 4 In favour, 2 against and 2 abstained.

A Motion will be brought to Council.

Cllr Fynes had received a request from another resident at Hampers Green asking if the metal backing to the basket ball and football goals could be replaced with netting. The intention of this is to reduce the noise of a ball being kicked against the metal.

A resident’s consultation meeting will be arranged for after the local elections to discuss the proposed youth shelter.

Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed
Chairman

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