

# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Property Committee held in The Chanctonbury Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Wednesday, 11th November 2009 commencing at 7:45 p.m.**

**Present:** Mrs. L. Wheatley in the Chair, Mr. R. Dawe, Mr. A. Head, Mr. D. Roper and Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese

68. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. C. Mason (Prior Engagement). The reason for absence was duly **ACCEPTED**.
69. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** Mr. Head declared a personal interest in item 8, Football Club Floodlights, as he lives in the area.
70. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 7th October 2009.** The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

## **Matters Arising** :-

71. **Minute No. 48 – Ban of Pushchairs in the Parish Hall.** Following the completion of the refurbishments to the Parish Hall, the foyer area had now been reduced in size and concerns had been raised regarding the potential safety and fire hazards of pushchairs in the entranceway, particularly during arrival and collection times of the pre-school children. Members were advised that parents were currently accessing the main hall from the back entrance doors which did not directly impact upon the foyer area and it was **AGREED**.

*That the Pre-School continue to use the back doors for the arrival and collection of the children.*

72. **Minute No. 47 and 55 – Little Bears Pre-School – Outside Play Facilities.** Members were advised that the trial period had now begun and the Pre-school had used the back car park for outside play facilities on one occasion so far.
73. **Minute No. 56 – Cootham Hall Play Equipment.** It had been reported that the Trustees had now made payment and the items would be removed from Horsham District Council's Play Inspection list. The necessary amendments would need to be made to the Parish Council's Fixed Asset Register.
74. **Minute No. 66 – Pavilion Hire – Unpaid Fees.** Mrs Worthington-Leese asked if any further contact had been made with the hirer regarding the outstanding fees. No contact had been made as yet but the matter would be addressed promptly.
75. **To consider the Inspection of Play Equipment Reports.** One report had been received and no problems had been identified. Mr Head was thanked for carrying out maintenance to the Cone Climber at Storrington Recreation Ground and Members were advised that the Caretaker would continue to apply oil to this piece of equipment regularly.

76. **Documents for Councillors to Read.**

Sussex County Playing Fields Association – Annual Statement. Mr Head took this to read.

77. **To consider the provision of PIR Lighting at Storrington Cricket Pavilion and Football Pavilion.** Following recent comments from residents and Councillors, Members had been advised of potential lighting problems to the areas around the pavilions. It was **AGREED.**

*That a comprehensive report on the lighting outside of these two buildings be obtained and presented to the committee at the next meeting.*

78. **Football Club – Floodlights Update.** Musco Lighting Europe Limited had now provided confirmation that the lux levels of the floodlights now met the required standards and the lights could now be used during games. A meter reading would now be taken to ascertain the current position with regular future readings in order to monitor usage of the lights. Members were advised that a match had been arranged for 8th December 2009 to officially celebrate the installation of the floodlights and the local police would be advised of this event.

79. **Allotments.**

(a) **Ravenscroft.** Mrs Wheatley reported that a further site meeting had been held with some of the ploholders and issues regarding drainage, hedges and trees had been discussed. Progress was being made to introduce self management and a further meeting would need to be arranged, Mr Dawe suggested that the Parish Council propose that the management of the site be transferred to the ploholders on an informal basis as soon as possible so that any possible teething problems can be ironed out prior to signing a formal agreement early in the new year. It was **AGREED.**

*That this proposal be put to the ploholders with a view to commencing informal Self Management on 1st December 2009.*

(b) **Amberley Road / SAGA.** Members were advised that the first years subsidy, less monies owed for rent and water rates, had been paid to SAGA and that future bills for water would be paid by the Parish Council and reimbursed by SAGA. It was **AGREED.**

*That enquiries be made with Southern Water regarding the possibility of sending future bills directly to SAGA.*

80. **Sullington Play Project Update.** Mrs Wheatley advised Members that a Picnic Bench and a Goal Facility had now been ordered and would be installed shortly. It had also been reported that patches of grass had begun to grow through the safety surfacing. This issue had been raised with the suppliers and a response was expected imminently.

81. **Ravenscroft Football Facility.** Members had been advised that this facility had now been installed and feedback from local residents had been generally positive. However, a number of complaints had been received from ploholders at the neighbouring allotment site regarding users of the facility walking onto the plots to retrieve balls that had been kicked out of the enclosure. Members were advised that a canopy net would be fitted to the fencing in order to combat this problem. Saxon Weald had been in contact regarding potential dates for an official opening of the facility and members would be advised of the possible dates.
82. **To consider provision of Permanent Skate Park.** Following feedback from a recent Crime Reduction Partnership Meeting, Members had been asked to suggest potential locations and sources of funding for a Skate Park facility within the parish. Members were reminded that Rydon school had previously been identified as a suitable location but that permission would need to be sought from West Sussex County Council. It was **AGREED**
- That representatives from Crime Reduction Partnership be advised to contact West Sussex County Council regarding the possibility of using Rydon School as a suitable location. If a site could be secured, funding could be sought from grant providers.*
83. **Health and Safety.** There were no issues raised.
84. **Chairman's Announcements and Urgent Matters.** Mrs Wheatley reported that Star Energy was now inviting applications for grants and Members were asked to consider and provide suggestions for potential projects. Applications would need to be received by 31st December 2009. Mrs Worthington-Leese suggested an application be made to fund and Eco-Project for the pond area and this would be looked into.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8:55 pm.

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