

# STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Property Committee held in The Skylight Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Wednesday, 3rd March 2010, commencing at 7.45 p.m.**

**Present:** Mr. C. Mason in the chair, Mr. A. Head, and Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese.

103. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. D. Roper, Mr. R. Carter, Mr. R. Dawe and Mrs. L. Wheatley (Prior engagements). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
104. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**. There were no declarations of interest.
105. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 3rd February, 2010**. The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

## **Matters Arising.**

106. **Minute No. 80 and 90: Sullington Play Project Update**. Ecoscape had reported that a meeting was to be held with the suppliers within the next two weeks, with a view to having the situation remedied by Easter 2010.
107. **Minute No. 95: Financial Support to West Chanctonbury Recreation Association**. Mr. Mason had recently attended the WCRA Trustees meeting and had relayed the Parish Council's decision that it was unable to assist with financial support. The Trustees were disappointed with this decision considering that other local leisure centres did receive significant contributions from their Parish Councils. The board reported that they continued to work with Impulse Leisure to build up membership of the leisure centre in order to generate increased income and Mr. Mason agreed to continue to pursue the provision of NHS contributions for medical referrals, via Horsham District Council. The new director at Horsham District Council, responsible for leisure services was scheduled to visit the centre on 23rd March. Mr Mason would attend along with fellow councillors and report further.
108. **Minute No. 102 (a): West Chanctonbury Recreation Association Lease**. The Council's solicitor was in consultation with WCRA's legal representatives and hoped to report back to the Council within the next few days. Members considered that the final version of the lease should then be sent to the WCRA Trustees for signature. The matter of extending the lease was discussed and it was **DECIDED**.

*That the term of the lease should not be extended at this time.*

109. **Minute No. 102 (d): Scout Hut**. Mr. Head and Mr. Roper had inspected the area and concluded that the removal of the fence posts would not completely deter people from climbing onto the roof of the hut but would allow vehicles to access the recreation ground. It was therefore not recommended to authorise the removal of this part of the fence. Alternatives methods of deterrence were discussed and it was **AGREED**.

*That the representatives from the Scouts be advised that the council could not authorise removal of the fence posts but suggested that anti climb paint and repairs to existing lighting be considered.*

110. **To Consider the Inspection of Play Equipment Reports.** One report had been received and all items mentioned had been rectified. Proludic had been contacted regarding the loose post on the Net Unit at Sullington and would be inspecting the site.

111. **Electrical Test and Inspection Report – Remedial Works to Parish Hall and Cricket Pavilion.** Three quotations had been received to complete the remedial works:

<i>EDF</i>	<i>£1,921.56 plus Vat</i>
<i>ESP</i>	<i>£2,716.5 plus Vat</i>
<i>Silver Tower Services</i>	<i>£3,833.00 no Vat to add.</i>

These quotations were considered and it was **AGREED.**

*To accept the quotation from EDF in the sum of £1,921.56 plus Vat.  
(Local Government act 1972 s.226)*

112. **Ravenscroft Allotments Draft Agreement Update.** Mr Mason reported that the draft agreement had been sent to the trustees who had expressed dissatisfaction regarding the necessity for £10 million public liability insurance. Members commented that there was no alternative as this was a requirement set by West Sussex County Council.

Plotholders had also reported damage had been caused to the hedge due to youths pushing through onto the allotments to retrieve footballs. The repairs to the football enclosure had now been completed and it was hoped that this would help to alleviate this problem. It was considered that sufficient action had been taken to discourage people from accessing the allotment site and there was little more that could be done.

A litter bin had been purchased for the area outside the football enclosure to prevent a build up of litter on the allotment site at a cost of £139.56 and this expenditure was duly **RATIFIED.** (*Litter Act 1983, s5*)

113. **Budget Review.** The Financial Budget Comparison to 24th February, 2010 had been distributed to all Members. The document was duly **NOTED.**

114. **Documents for Councillors to Read.** There were no documents for Councillors to read.

115. **Health and Safety.**

(a) **Hall Hire Risk Assessments.** It had been reported that all hirers of any facilities should be asked to provide a copy of a completed risk assessment for their event. Members suggested that the legal basis for this requirement be researched before making any decision that could have a negative impact on income from hire of halls.

(b) **Access Ramps to Rear of Hall.** A quotation had been received from Silver Towers Services for the provision of concrete ramps to the rear exits of the Main Hall and Chanctonbury Room, in the sum of £630.00. It was **AGREED.**

*That further quotations should be obtained.*

116. **Chairman's Announcements.** There were no announcements.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.