

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, 7th April 2010, commencing at 7.45 p.m.

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

117. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr. C. Mason and Mr. R. Dawe (Prior engagements). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
118. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**. There were no declarations of interest.
119. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Last Meeting held on the 3rd March, 2010.** An error with the minute numbering had been highlighted and with this alteration, the minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

120. **Minute No. 80, 90 and 106: Sullington Play Project Update.** Ecoscape had attended a site meeting with the Clerk and had tested the surface. It had been confirmed that the grass was not growing through the safety surfacing but was actually growing on top. The area would need to be treated and this would be arranged.
121. **To Consider the Inspection of Play Equipment Reports.** One report had been received from Horsham District Council and all items mentioned had been rectified. The loose post at Sullington had now been reset.
122. **To Consider Quotations received for the Provision of Concrete Ramps to Rear Exits at Parish Hall.** Three quotations had been received to complete the works:

<i>Mates Rates</i>	<i>£ 650.00 Excluding VAT</i>
<i>North 2 South</i>	<i>£ 980.00 Excluding Vat</i>
<i>Silver Tower Services</i>	<i>£ 630.00 no Vat to add.</i>

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

That the necessity for provision of these ramps should be ascertained and if required, the quotation from Silver Tower Services should be accepted.

(Local Government Act 1972 s133)

123. **CCTV at Parish Hall and Leisure Centre.** Kestrel Alarms had visited both sites and had made the following recommendations for improvements to existing systems:

Parish Hall – To replace camera 4 and to provide two replacement camera housings at a cost of £740.00 plus VAT.

Leisure Centre – To replace camera 9 Honeywell Camera pointing towards the Cricket Pavilion at a cost of £396.00 plus VAT. As the system at the Leisure Centre was not currently under a maintenance contract, this could be provided for a further £138.00 plus VAT.

The matter was discussed and questions were raised with regard to the benefit of maintaining these systems and whether there would be any impact on the council's insurance policy if the CCTV was removed from each building. It was **AGREED:**

That this matter should be addressed at the next full council meeting.

124. **Leisure Centre – To Consider a Reduction of Booking Fees for Meeting Room Hire at The Parish Hall.** The Leisure Centre are currently charged £27 per session for room hire and had made a request that these costs be waived or reduced. The matter was discussed and Mr. Carter Proposed, Seconded Mr. Roper, that use of the Skylight Room be offered at a reduced rate of £20 per hire period. This was put to a vote and the results were as follows:

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It was therefore **DECIDED:**

That the Leisure Centre should be offered the use of the Skylight Room for each meeting at a cost of £20 per session.

125. **To Authorise Purchase of Car Park Signage.** Signs had been purchased to restrict parking by non-hall users at a cost of £45.00 plus VAT. This purchase was duly **RATIFIED.**

126. **Documents for Councillors to Read.**

- (a) A Place to Grow – Available from the Parish Office
- (b) Fresh Air Fitness – Mr. Roper took this to read.

127. **Health and Safety.** No items were raised.

128. **Chairman's Announcements.**

(a) **Cricket Pavilion Fire Inspection.** A Fire Safety Officer had visited to inspect the Cricket Pavilion on 25th March 2010 and a letter of satisfaction had been received.

(b) **NatWest Cricket Force Day.** Members of Storrington Cricket Club, along with their families and volunteers had got together recently to decorate the interior of the Cricket Pavilion and carry out maintenance work to the building and field. A request had been received by the club for funds to re-paint the exterior of the pavilion and it was **AGREED:**

To fund the cost of painting the exterior area (excluding the upper triangle) at a sum of £200 plus materials. (Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976 S19)

Members of the Cricket Club had submitted a suggestion that they might approach a local home improvement company to enquire whether it operated a community project policy which might involve covering the external wood finished areas at the front of the pavilion with a maintenance free PVC type boarding. Members questioned the benefits of this proposal as previous advice received indicated that such coverings would just mask the wood deteriorating underneath.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:30 p.m.