

RUDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation and Halls Committee meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2018 at Rudgwick Sports and Social Club, Bucks Green, Rudgwick at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: R Landeryou, R Bookham, A Haynes and R Wild (latter by invitation)
J Foote Clerk

There were no members of the public present.

48/15. **Apologies** for absence had been received from Cllrs Brown, Ellis and Gilmour and these were unanimously approved.

49/15. There were **no Declarations of Interests** by Councillors on any items on the agenda and notifications of changes to Members' Registers of Interest.

50/15. **Minutes** of the Recreation and Hall Committee meeting held on the 7th August 2017 were proposed by Cllr Haynes seconded by Cllr Bookham **unanimously agreed to be a correct record** of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

51/15. There were **no matters arising** from the minutes of the previous meeting.

52/15. **Rudgwick Hall**

Three quotes had been received and it was unanimously agreed to recommend the appointment of Gary Steer to undertake the refurbishment of the fire escape ramp to the Rudgwick Parish Council (RPC) at the meeting on Monday 15th January 2018. Disturbance to hirers during building work to be kept at a minimum and consideration to the main hall floor were discussed.

53/15. **Rudgwick Hall Improvement Plan**

Brighton & Hove Energy Savings Co-op (BHESCo) is currently undertaking a survey regarding energy saving options for the building. It was unanimously agreed that this was a long term plan and to be discussed further at the next meeting.

54/15. **Fire Risk Assessments of Rudgwick and Jubilee Halls**

The recent inspections included action plans which were discussed. It was unanimously agreed to recommend addressing the actions to the RPC at the meeting on Monday 15th January 2018. Clerk to investigate if fire extinguisher training could be accessed as part of a general training session or contact other Rudgwick organisations such as Youth Club/West Sussex parishes to share training session/costs.

55/15. **RSCC building changing rooms hire charges 2018**

A meeting had taken place with the Football Club. Based on the meeting it was unanimously agreed to recommend a £10 per match charge for the use of the changing rooms to the RPC at the meeting on Monday 15th January 2018. When the building has a new leaseholder, a hire charge is to be agreed between the Football Club and leaseholder.

55/16. **King George V pitch hire charges 2018/19.**

It was unanimously agreed to recommend a 10% increase in pitch charges for the 2018/19 season

(i.e. £27.50 for adult football and cricket teams; £13.75 for junior football) to the RPC at the meeting on Monday 15th January 2018. Councillors discussed the importance of getting youngsters involved in both cricket and football. The possibility of introducing charges to the Junior Cricket team were discussed as well as the “wear and tear” to the field when playing football/cricket. It was agreed unanimously to defer charging the Junior Cricket Team at the current moment.

56/15. Churchmans Meadow: Replacement of play area facilities.

One quote had been received and it was agreed to obtain further quotes as well as investigating funding sources. Current financial resources would not meet the costs of the project.

57/15. Skate Park

Weather damage and some minor general damage was reported. A quote had been received (July 2017) for repairing/maintaining the skate park and it was unanimously agreed to recommend a sum of £2,000 for skate park repairs to the RPC at the meeting on Monday 15th January 2018.

The meeting finished at 7.50 pm.

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Jonna Foote

43/15. Refurbishment of Rudgwick Hall was discussed. Ladies/Gents toilets are currently being refurbished. Cllr Hayes will proceed with the ramp project and bring it to conclusion. It was agreed to make a recommendation to the full council to obtain quotes for a new boiler/dishwasher. S106 funding and plans for future heating system would have to be considered in this. The Clerk to explore Brighton and Hove Energy Services Co-op (BHESCo) services.

44/15. Refurbishment of Jubilee Hall was discussed. It was recommended to propose a resolution for the September council meeting for a structural survey of the building to be undertaken. Disabled access to the Hall was discussed and agreed to be included as part of an assessment of the parking area in front of the building.

Trees near Highcroft Drive are restricting road visibility and the Clerk was requested to contact the relevant person for appropriate tree trimming to be undertaken.

A fallen tree by the bridge (on the path from Church Street to Tate’s Way) is causing concern and the Clerk was requested to report this to WSCC Highways.

Cllr Bookham arrived at the meeting at 7.50 pm.

45/15. As a result of the Churchmans Meadows’ RoSPA report it was recommended for the Clerk to

investigate: the possibility of protected sleeving for the wooden posts to combat deterioration of equipment; replacement of equipment including type and accessing of grants to provide information at September Parish Council meeting. It was also agreed to investigate the possibility of surveying Rudgwick school children with regard what play equipment to install, if appropriate. It was agreed for the Clerk to obtain a quote for a self-closing gate, with a fence and planting at either side, at the bottom of Summerfold development.

46/15. As a result of the RoSPA report it was recommended that a resolution should be taken forward to the September meeting for a refurbishment of the skate park with a maximum cost of £2,500. Recent vandalism at the site has been reported to the police by the Clerk. Installation of CCTV was discussed and agreed to be included on the Agenda for the September meeting

47/15. As a result of the Open Space Warden July report the Clerk is to contact the owner of the bridge to ask for its removal; Cllr Landeryou will inspect the root barrier work site and propose action if appropriate. The Clerk to contact the Cricket Club with regard to repair to the nets.

47/15. Charges for the use of the King George V playing field were discussed. Maintenance costs of the playing field are far in excess of rental income. Clerk to confirm exact requirements with users with regard to booking the field so additional income could be sought.

Date for next meeting: October 2017 (exact date to be confirmed)

Meeting finished at 9.00 pm

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