

PURLEY ON THAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held at the Parish Office,

Purley on Thames on 15th March 2018

Mr R Farrow (Chairman)
Mr G Rolfe

Mr S Chester
Mr B Ayling

Mrs P Beddoes
Mrs S Briscoe

IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs C Lamb (Clerk), Mr C Moses (Amenities Officer)

R18/01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Mr M Bishop, Mrs J Langford and Mrs S Sinclair

R18/02 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr Farrow (Football Clubs and Purley Sports and Social Club (PSSC

R18/03 TO RECEIVE ANY STATEMENT OR QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public attended

R18/04 TO RECEIVE AND CONFIRM THE MINUTES

The Minutes from the meeting held on the 16th November 2017 were confirmed as accurate and signed by the Chairman.

R18/05 PAST SUBJECT MATTERS FOR REPORT ONLY

R17/25 Mr Farrow still to sit down and meet with the Clerk.

R17/34-4 A letter had been sent to the landowner after the previous Recreation Committee Meeting

R17/40 No costing for a new Boules Piste had been gathered. A new location would be considered in the future. The Picnic bench sited at the old Boules Piste location would be left in place.

R17/37-1 Repair had been carried out on the gang-mowers.

R18/06 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr Farrow presented his report to the Committee:

- The Clerk had not received a response to her letter to Trentham Bowls Club.
- The Clerk was waiting for a response from Purley on Thames Cricket Club regarding the Hire Contract for grounds maintenance equipment that is surplus to the Council's needs.
- Mr Farrow and Mr Ayling met with Mr T Metcalfe at Bucknell's Meadow to discuss a proposed second entrance in Bucknell's Meadow.
- The Clerk had advised the Parish Council that it is obliged to carry out a risk assessment for Legionnaires Disease. As a result, the Amenities Officer has taken an on-line course and carried out an initial risk assessment of Pavilion showers and water tank.
- Goosecroft Development planning application was progressing slowly. The PC was in the process of providing additional information to West Berkshire Council.
- The Council had received a request for a Fun Day event at Goosecroft from a local Sports and Social Club.
- Mr Farrow informed the Committee that he intended to step down as Chairman in May 2018. Mr Farrow thanked the Recreation Committee members for their support and hard work. Mr Farrow gave a special thank you to Mrs P Beddoes for her support and hard work during her five years as Vice-Chairman and for the Playgrounds Working Group. Mr Farrow also extended a special thank you to Mr M Bishop for his excellent work as Hon Grounds Manager and as a Councillor.

R18/07 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM THE PARISH OFFICE ON ACTIONS UNDERTAKEN SINCE THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- a. PARISH OFFICE REPORT – received and noted
- b. ACTION LOG – reviewed and updated

R18/08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE GROUNDS MANAGEMENT WORKING GROUP including the Hon Grounds Manager

A written report was received by the Committee and its contents were noted. In particular:

- The maintenance programme for the tennis courts would be monitored and implemented during 2018.
- The annual risk assessment would be completed before the next Recreation Committee meeting.
- Tree surgery at Bucknell's Meadow had been ordered.
- A review of the contract undertaking grounds maintenance for Recreation and Highways and Footpaths Committees had been reviewed and two additional cuts to Bucknell's Meadow playground had been added.
- A tree survey of Goosecroft would be planned.
- New signs to deter dog-owners from exercising their dogs at Goosecroft would be purchased and installed.

R18/09 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PLAYGROUNDS WORKING GROUP

A written report was received by the Committee and its contents were noted. In particular:

- The quarterly playground inspections by contractors was proving successful as it had resulted in an effective rolling programme of maintenance.
- As approved by Council, new benches and bins had been ordered for Bucknell's Meadow and Goosecroft Play Grounds.

R18/10 RESOLUTIONS

R18/10-1 To approve contract renewal for the Grounds Maintenance Contractor

RESOLVED to approve the renewal of the Grounds Maintenance Contractor. (unanimous)

R18/10-2 To approve a recommendation to council with regards to the installation of second gate to Bucknell's Meadow.

As is had not been possible to source any costings before the meeting this proposal would be passed to the Parish Council. It was agreed that a clear rationale for the second gate must be part of any proposal.

R18/10-3 To consider requested from a local sport club for the car boot sale at Goosecroft.

RESOLVED that Goosecroft Recreation is not a suitable location for a Car Boot Sale and as a result this request, and any future request, would be rejected.

R18/11 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATED BUDGET 2017-18 Noted

R18/12 TO RECEIVE ANY MEMBERS ITEMS FOR THE NEXT RECREATION COMMITTEE AGENDA

Play Grounds Working Group proposal for

The Chairman closed the meeting.

Next Meeting: Recreation Committee, tba