

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION COMMITTEE
Held in the COUNCIL OFFICE on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr A. Hessey (Chair of Recreation Committee); Cllr Parrott; Cllr Hawes; Cllr L'homme and Cllr Andrews.

Also: Neil Phillips, Tree Warden; Clerk to the Council (Mrs L A Sanderson); Cheryl Small, Administration Assistant.

R639/18 Apologies for absence

Cllr Glasper away; Cllr Duerden at event.

Proposed Cllr Andrews; **Seconded** Cllr Hawes, **unanimously agreed.**

R640/18 Declarations of interests both personal and prejudicial

None

R641/18 Approve and sign minutes of 21st November 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee as approved by Full Council, were duly signed and adopted as a true record.

Proposed Cllr L'homme; **seconded** Cllr Andrews; **unanimously agreed.**

R642/18 Matters Arising

None

R643/18 Tree Wardens Report.

- a) Neil is in possession of the _____ tree, and with the Clerk they will decide on the location near the tennis courts.
- b) Neil is also in possession of the tree for Cromwell road, Clerk is to organise the planting by the Parish Council contractor.
- c) The attempted clearing of debris from the blocked drain on Church Road/ High Street happened on Tuesday but the flood reappeared within hours. The issue is the blocked river outlets, Neil has complained personally and been advised EA resources are stretched.
- d) Overhanging shrubs & brambles over the river near The Yews are being cut back by the end of January by the Environment Agency.
- e) The Clerk will escalate the flooding and overhanging shrubs complaints to the Local MP Neil O'Brien if nothing happens by the end of January.
- f) The Chair thanked Neil for the extra work he has put in over the last couple of months.

R644/18 Expenditure

- a) Grit bins – 3 new bins proposed:-
Oaks Road – Opposite garage
Kingfisher/Bridgewater Drive
Coverside Road/Spinney View

Proposed Cllr Andrews; **Seconded** Cllr Parrot; **unanimously agreed.**

R645/18 Maintenance Issues

- a) The Football club has requested the relocation of the football post as its causing damage to the surrounding grass area. Clerk has declined due to the popularity of the posts, but has agreed regular maintenance of the grounds is needed.
- b) The Recreation ground access road surrounds are very muddy; residents are using this instead of the lay-by for passing vehicles. Installation of 4 Concrete bollards suggested deterring vehicles from pulling on to the grass.
- c) Goal post painting is still required – Quotes to be obtained for the next meeting.
- d) Rope Swing is now with Paul Hall for repair and will be collected and re-installed when complete.

R646/18 Keep Britain Tidy Campaign

After the failure of councillors and residents attending the organised clean up last year, it was agreed that we will not be participating this year. The Parish Council employs a litter picker which is felt is enough to contribute to the cleanliness of the village.

R648/18 Items/Date of next meeting: Tuesday 27th February at 6.00pm

R649/18 Meeting Closed at 6.38pm.

Signed : _____

Dated : _____