



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Minutes of an ordinary meeting of the Parish Council Recreation Committee on Monday 10th January 2011 commencing at 1900 in The Lindos Centre Conference Room Saddlemakers Lane Melton IP12 1PP.

Present:

Cllr Mrs BK Abbott
Cllr Mr GK Butterwick

Cllr Mrs JEJ Eckersley [Chairman]
Cllr Miss KS Martin

In Attendance:

Mrs DE Linsley Assistant Clerk to Melton Parish Council

11.01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

11.01.01 Cllr Miss E Barrington – Family matters

Council considered the apology and it was **RESOLVED** to receive the apology and consent to the absence.

Proposed by: Cllr Butterwick

Seconded by: Cllr Eckersley

11.02 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE REGISTER

There were no declarations or additions to the register.

11.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

11.03.01 To receive representation from Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest.

There were no representations from councillors.

11.03.02 To receive representations from members of the public in respect of items on the agenda only.

There were no representations from the public.

It was RESOLVED to lift standing orders.

11.04 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS

There were no members of the public present.

It was RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

11.05 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2010.

It was RESOLVED that, the minutes REC(10)M05 previously circulated, were received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

Proposed by: Cllr Abbott

Seconded by: Cllr Martin

11.06 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON THE PROGRESS MADE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES AFFECTING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Paper REC(11)P06 previously circulated was received and noted.

- 11.07 TO CONSIDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE TREES IN BURKES WOOD.**
The Committee discussed the need to continue the surveys addressing the health and safety of the trees in Burkes Wood as outlined in a report by Eastwood Tree Services Ltd in January 2008.
The Committee recognised that the safety of the trees was an on going responsibility that would require continued financial commitment.
It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would investigate Basic Tree Inspection courses.
- 11.08 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BURKES WOOD FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK.**
Work on the management plan has started. Cllr Eckersley is available to assist the Assistant Clerk with the plan.
- 11.09 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE REPORT FROM THE PAVILION WORKING GROUP**
Cllr Martin circulated a report on the refurbishment of the pavilion.
It was agreed that the Clerk or Assistant Clerk would contact SCDC regarding the new refurbishment plan, which focuses on updating the lavatories, and its eligibility for funding from the Play Space Sports Fund.
- 11.10 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE SAFER CYCLE ROUTE TO FARLINGAYE HIGH SCHOOL**
The Assistant Clerk informed David Kemp of the Full Council's decision to reluctantly withdraw their support for the current cycle route proposed through Melton Playing Fields. [Full Council minutes **MPC(10)M12** item 10.256]
- 11.11 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE PARK WARDEN ABOUT HIS DAILY ACTIVITIES**
The Park Warden's reports for September, October, November and December 2010 were circulated and noted.
The Committee thanked Mr Stebbings for all his hard work and are extremely grateful to him for working throughout the Christmas and New Year holiday. They wished him well after his short stay in hospital.
- 11.12 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE MELTON COMMUNITY FUN DAY**
Jo Robinson will be showing the hire agreement issued by Melton Parish Council to Suffolk Heritage in the near future.
Cllr. Eckersley will be contacting Mrs. Robinson regarding the possible involvement of St. Andrew's Parish Church in the fun day.
Just 42 will be informed of the date of the fun day.
- 11.13 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT ON THE LEEKS HILL TO FERN HILL CLOSE PATH FROM THE ASSISTANT CLERK.**
It was noted that no further progress had been made on this item.
- 11.14 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PARISH'S FOOTPATH NETWORK**
A meeting to discuss the Parish's footpath network was held on 17th December with Mary George from SCC.
It was agreed that Cllr Martin would write a report updating the MPC on the current situation regarding work to be done on the footpath network.
The matter would be put on the agenda of the Full Council meeting in February and be placed on the agenda of the Recreation Committee meeting to be held on 20th June.
- 11.15 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS WITH THE BMX TRAIL.**
The Clerk is looking into the cost of submitting the planning application to SCDC. Cllr Butterwick will be producing a design and access statement.
- 11.16 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF GRIT BINS.**
Cllr Bond has been sent details of the requests for grit bins and a list of volunteers willing to distribute the grit. Funding from the Locality Budget may be used to provide some if not all of the bins.

It was agreed that the issue of what to do when the Playing Field car park is covered in snow and/or ice be placed on the Finance and Risk Management agenda for discussion.

11.17 TO CONSIDER PLANS FOR THE HORSE AND GROOM PUB SIGN.

It was agreed that the Assistant Clerk would contact local organisations to establish if they would like to have the pub sign. Where the post and wrought iron frame should be positioned will be discussed at the next Recreation Committee meeting.

11.18 TO CONSIDER THE UNSTABLE SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE TO BURKES WOOD

It was RESOLVED that SCL Landscape Management Ltd would be asked to remove the sign.

Proposed by: Cllr Abbott

Seconded by: Cllr Martin

11.19 TO CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL SIGNS FOR THE PLAYING FIELD.

It was resolved that a laminated sign stating that dogs are not allow in the play area would be erected.

Proposed by: Cllr Eckersley

Seconded by: Cllr Abbott

11.20 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS

11.20.01 The issue of possibly raising income through increased charges for the use of the tennis courts and football pitches will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.

11.20.02 The issue of the main information board at the entrance to the playing fields will be placed on the agenda for the next Recreation Committee meeting.

11.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 28th March 2011 at 19:00 at the Lindos Centre Conference Room

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:55.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

[Chairman]