



Minutes of the meeting held of the **NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Thursday 23rd June 2014 at 6.15pm

Present: Cllrs: Banks, Brown, Jones, Nicholson and Mr N Apsley (Resident)

54 TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN

Cllr Nicholson was proposed, seconded and in the absence of any other proposal duly elected.

55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was an apology for absence received from Cllr Ellis.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

57 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2014 may be taken as read, approved as a correct record and were signed by the chairman.

58 UPDATE ON EXISTING PROJECTS

Skatepark

- 1 The annual Health and Safety Inspection has been carried out and the only points that has been raised are:- recommend that the end of the open tube/coping ramps are sealed in although no reason is given, that the ramps are repainted and that the rust underneath the ramps is monitored.
- 2 The annual painting of the ramps will be completed this summer. Although the Town Clerk advises that this work is included in the litter picking contract with Mr. R Williams, Rodney insists that one year he was paid extra for this additional work.
- 3 The new Sign showing the office number as a point of contact has been completed and erected.
- 4 New tarmac has been laid at the base of some of the ramps, following a report of problems. Although it has been reported that one of them is not totally flat, there were no problems reported by the Health and Safety Inspector, but J. A. Dempsey have been back and added a small part of tarmac to ensure it is all flat now.
- 5 The tensioning wire needs re-threading again. Discussions took place about checking all the tensioning wires and replacing where necessary.
- 6 The deep clean that was authorised by councillors for the signs and shelter was carried out by Rodney before the contractor was instructed. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of paying him instead – 4 hours at £8 per hour.
- 7 A bar has been removed from the back of one of the ramps. This is not a Health and Safety issue but needs re-welding in place.
- 8 A railing has been bent on the top of one of the ramps. This needs replacing.

After much discussion it was:-

RECOMMENDED: That:

- 1) The Skatepark ramps are painted as soon as possible.
- 2) That a decision was taken not to infill the ends of the ramps.
- 3) That the rust underneath the ramps is monitored and treated when necessary.
- 4) That the contract of employment for Mr Williams is found and updated if necessary to include the painting of the Skate Park Ramps annually.
- 5) That J.R.R. Fencing is contacted to make an inspection of all the tensioning wires and replaced where necessary.
- 6) That J.R.R. is also requested (whilst repairing the fence) to provide a quotation to replace the bar on one of the ramps and the bar at the top of one of the ramps. If they are unable to provide a quotation, that the Assistant Town Clerk contacts others contractors for quotations.
- 7) That Mr R Williams is paid an extra £32.00 for cleaning of the Skatepark small shelter.

Playbuilder Park

The new resurfacing has been completed and pictures have been circulated to councillors.

MUGA

- 1 The annual safety inspection has taken place and the only recommendation was to continue to monitor any stray cricket balls. To date, nothing has been reported.
- 2 The new shelter and cycle rack between the Skatepark and MUGA have been installed. Youths are laying/sitting on the roof. They have been advised that this is unsafe.
- 2 Dog fouling has taken place within the MUGA. Quotations were received from the Sign Company to produce and erect a sign (as per the Playbuilder Park) of £45.00 plus VAT (A4 size) or £90.00 plus VAT (for A3 size). After some discussion it was decided that:-

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That any stray balls from the cricket club are logged
- 2) That the Shelter is added to the council insurance for Liability cover only.
- 3) That no sign regarding dogs is erected at this stage but the situation will be monitored.

Outdoor Gym

After repeated emails to Kompan, they are still saying that the paint is not covered by warranty. Discussions took place about any safety implications for the bare metal and any issues with rusting. As the paint finish is only cosmetic, it was decided that:

ACTION: No action is taken at this time.

Toilets

Since the last meeting, a new window has been fitted in the ladies, plus a new door has been fitted on the store room. An inspection has been carried out by both the Assistant Town Clerk and several councillors. There is a problem with the flushing system, which is solved by "pushing hard on the flush". A similar problem was been identified in the toilets on the Parade and a sign has been erected by Isle of Wight Council advising users.

The new cleaner has been in place for three months. Comments have been favourable as the block is now much cleaner. He has asked for an increase in pay from £56 per week to £62.50. Following the monthly inspection it is the view of the Assistant Town Clerk that the additional "deep clean" is not required.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) That the rate of pay for cleaning the toilets is increased to £62.50 per week.
- 2) That the Assistant Town Clerk contacts the IW Council for advise on the availability of the signs and obtains 6 for the toilet block.

59 UPDATE ON SEAT DEDICATIONS FOR THE NEW WOODEN BENCHES

The three new benches which were installed have now had the commemoration plaques installed by a volunteer.

ACTION: That a letter is written to the volunteer thanking him for his work.

ACTION: That a letter is written to the widows of two of the memorials advising that they are in place.

60 UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF ADDITIONAL DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE ENTRANCE

The extension to the existing double yellow lines at the entrance to the Recreation Ground is still being considered by Island Roads. The Assistant Town Clerk contacted Island Roads again and was advised that the review had still not taken place but the item is on the agenda for discussion once a date has been agreed.

Together with this, a request has been made to mark out the Bus stop on the road just outside the entrance. At the suggestion of Island Roads, this has now been sent to the P.F.I. contractors for their comments.

ACTION: That the Assistant Town Clerk requests that before the road is marked the bus stop is moved closer to the corner (West of its current position) to ensure safety on the corner.

61 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Winter flooding in the area (Cllr Nicholson)

62 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th September 2014.

Meeting ended at 7.35pm.

CHAIRMAN