



Minutes of the meeting held of the **NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday 13th January 2014 at 6.15pm

Present: Cllr Hall (Chair)

Cllrs: Banks, Brown, Ellis, Jones, Nicholson and Mr N Apsley (Resident) and Mr J Goldsmith (Northwood Cricket Club representative)

Cllr Cowan joined the meeting at 6.45pm and Cllr Robinson was in attendance for the whole meeting although neither has voting rights as not part of the committee.

2 members of the public also attended to raise a question.

Cllr Hall welcomed the members of the public and gave them the opportunity to raise their question which was about the recent flooding in the Recreation Ground. Cllr Nicholson had raised this issue at the Cowes Town Council meeting last week. The water collected to a depth of over 10 inches in the corner of the football field part of the ground. It has now flooded three times in the last 10 years. IW Council (who own the ground) are aware of the situation and a Parks officer has been to see the problem. Mr Apsley provided photographic evidence of the flood. Mr Goldsmith added that there has also been flooding at the other side of the ground where the water has drained from the cricket pitch to the new houses. Discussion took place as to a possible remedy and a French Drain was suggested which would drain the water through gravel to the subsoil below without causing a Health and Safety issue with an open ditch.

ACTION: the Assistant Town Clerk to contact IW Council with the suggestion of a French Drain requesting urgent action is taken.

38 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence

39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Banks declared an interest in that his company completed the refurbishment of the toilet block.

40 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 21 October 2013 may be taken as read, approved as a correct record and were signed by the chairman.

41 UPDATE ON EXISTING PROJECTS

Skatepark

An inspection of the signage and existing shelter showed that both are very dirty (covered with algae). The sign also has the Town Clerk's home telephone number as a point of contact.

Cllr Banks has been to the Skate Park and talked to the users who mentioned there is a problem with the base of a couple of the ramps. They also requested the installation of a cycle rack, as they are currently leaning their bikes up against the fence.

Cllr Ellis advised there has been a problem with adults taking pictures of the Skate Park users and requesting their names and address. This has been reported to Cowes Police who are not taking any further action.

ACTIONS:

- 1) **The Assistant Town Clerk to obtain a quotation for a replacement sign with the office contact details, a picture is to be taken and the wording checked with the Assistant Town Clerk and Chair of Committee.**
- 2) **The Assistant Town Clerk to obtain a quotation to steam clean the shelter in March ahead of the Easter school holidays.**
- 3) **The Assistant Town Clerk to obtain quotations for the necessary repairs to the Skate Park Ramps to ensure that they comply with the Health and Safety Regulations.**
- 4) **The Assistant Town Clerk obtains quotations for the supply of a cycle rack.**
- 5) **The Assistant Town Clerk contacts the Police and asked for the installation of the mobile CCTV camera for a trial period of a month.**

Playbuilder Park

Quotations have been received from the Isle of Wight Council to replace the surfacing around the slide and under the zip wire for Health and Safety reasons.

EazeeGrip	£6475.00 plus Haras Fencing
Playmat	£3,000.00 plus Haras Fencing
Wickstead	£4,012.00 plus Haras Fencing
Red Lynch	£4,422 including Haras Fencing

Cllr Jones provided photographs of the area and of that at Northwood (Venner Avenue) Play park. It appears that they had the same grass matting installed in 2010 but either the subsoil was better or there is less use as it has worn much better. Mr Apsely commented that they used similar matting for the Play Park in the ground of the IW Community Club (across the road) and they had similar problems when it is well used. The solution appears to be to replace the grass matting with a rubber matting as quoted above. Cllrs were worried about the cost and visual impact of the work so

ACTION: The Assistant Town Clerk contacts IW council to say they are supportive of the scheme but would like to know the cost of the Haras Fencing, some samples of the product and to see photographs of where the product has been used.

Cllr Nicholson arrived at 6.45pm together with Cllr Cowan

MUGA

Quotations have been received for a new shelter to provide cover from the weather for users of the MUGA. Cllrs discussed the different designs and decided on the Broxap double sided shelter which would accommodate twelve young people at a cost of £2,656 plus delivery, VAT and installation. Cllrs would like to know how much overhang is available on this shelter before ordering.

All prices exclude VAT, delivery and installation.

Rekk Limited	£4,999 to £11,699
Hags SMP	£3,115 to £7,690
Broxap	£2,656 to £3,200
CAD Street Furniture	£2,800

RECOMMENDATION: That the Broxap shelter is purchased at a cost of £2,656 plus delivery, VAT and installation.

ACTION: If approved by the full council, the Assistant Town Clerk to obtain quotation for the installation.

Outdoor Gym

Mr Apsley provided photographic evidence of where the paint has peeled from the bars on the equipment. A copy of the warranty was circulated and

ACTION: the Assistant Town Clerk to contact the manufactures (Kompan) to challenge the warranty and ask them to repaint the bars.

Toilets

The new vandal proof toilet roll holder is being made by DMR engineering.

The door of the store (at the back of the block) was vandalised in December. Emergency repairs were authorised and carried out by John Groves Builders. A quotation has been received for a replacement door as the existing one is rotten - £310 plus VAT.

Following numerous complaints about the standard of cleaning, the Assistant Town Clerk has arranged for an additional deep clean of the block (at no cost), plus a clean of the grouting at a cost of £80 to improve the area.

Quotations for the new financial year have been requested from Top Mops and three others for cleaning the facility for the next financial year.

Mr R Williams (Skate Park Cleaner) who would provide the service on a self- employed basis for £2912 per annum but CTC would have to supply the consumables (soap, toilet paper and cleaning products).

Top Mops £3,851.64 including consumables (as per current year and offering same price for a further two years if a two year contacts is entered into).

All Round Cleaners £5,733.00 plus consumables

Eaziclean – no quotation received.

Discussion centred on the fact the Town/Parish Councils have been requested to take on facilities from the IW Council and toilet blocks is one of these facilities. Mr Williams currently undertakes the contract to litter pick the Skatepark, MUGA and Playbuilder Park and is paid on a four weekly self- employed basis. If Cowes Town Council was to take on additional toilet facilities in the town a new contract would have to be negotiated, so in the short term the best solution would be:

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1 That the current contract for toilet cleaning with Top Mops is ceased as at the end of March 2014.**
- 2 That from 1st April 2014 Mr R Williams is offered the contract at a cost of £56 per week to clean the block once per day and lock and unlock everyday (365 days) on a self-employed basis.**
- 3 Cowes Town Council would supply the cleaning products, toilets rolls and soap.**
- 4 That John Groves builders are asked to replace the store door on the toilet block as per their quotation of £310 plus VAT**

42 UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL SEATING

Three benches have been received into the Isle of Wight Council store and will be installed this month.

Discussion took place about dedicating the seats to people who have served the Town – Cllr Birch, Captain G Deacon (1st Cowes Town Manager) and Mr J Peacey (1st CTC Clerk).

ACTION: The Assistant Town Clerk to obtain permission from the families before obtaining quotations for the plaques.

Subsequently it was decided that in place of Captain Deacon, the name of Cllr J Leigh would be most appropriate for the location.

43 UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF AN INCREASE BIN FOR OUTSIDE THE TOILET BLOCK

The new larger bin for outside the block has been received into the IW Council store and will be fitted this month. This should alleviate the problem of rubbish overflowing the bin and causing a public health hazard.

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

The Assistant Town Clerk contacted Island Roads regarding extending the double yellow lines at the entrance to the Recreation Ground and marking out the bus stop to avoid cars parking there. Mr N Apsley has followed this up and sent them photographs showing how dangerous the corner is. Mr Apsley has received a response to say that the problem will be discussed at the next traffic meeting which will be held between January and March 2014.

45 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be arranged once the Assistant Town Clerk is able to provide answers to all the actions.

Meeting ended at 7.15pm

CHAIRMAN