



Minutes of the meeting held of the **NORTHWOOD RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** held in the Town Council Office, 13 Denmark Road, Cowes on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at 6.15pm

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

Cllr Banks took the chair in the absence of Cllr Hall

**31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fuller and Nicholson

**32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**33 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2013 are to be amended to correct the numbering system, then, may be taken as read, approved as a correct record and were signed by the chairman.

**34 UPDATE ON EXISTING PROJECTS**

**Skatepark**

An email had been received from Acting Police Sargent Gary Knight advising that following the request from the Assistant Town Clerk, Police patrols will be increased in the area. The possible installation of a mobile CCTV system can only be considered by the Police if sufficient incidents are reported to the 101 system. Discussion was held regarding the timing of the Floodlights in view of the change to "winter time" this weekend. It was agreed that a review of timing of the floodlighting at dusk was monitored in order to ensure that the areas were adequately lit.

**ACTION: The Assistant Town Clerk to contact the IW Council to ensure that the timing of the Floodlights is not affected by the changing of the clocks this weekend.**

**That the timing of the floodlighting at dusk was monitored.**

**Playbuilder Park**

The Assistant Town Clerk has contacted the installers of the Playbuilder Park and they have confirmed that the wooden structures of the Park were pressure treated and have a 20 year life span without further need for maintenance.

Verbal estimates have been received from IW Council for the upgrading of areas within the Playbuilder Park of approximately £4,500 to £5,000. They are still awaiting one quotation, but, have agreed match funding to the Cowes Town Council.

Discussion took place regarding the cost of the renovation and it was felt that before Cowes Town Council can commit to the expenditure, they require sight of the quotations to see exactly what work is involved. In the meantime it was agreed that in the interests of safety that the area was improved.

**RECOMMENDATION: that sufficient Wood Chips are bought to cover the bottom of the slide to ensure the Health and Safety for this winter.**

**MUGA**

The cost of a replacement Basketball Hoop (to match the existing one) will cost £150 plus £35 delivery. Cllr Jones feels that the existing one may be able to be repaired.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That a replacement Basketball hoop is ordered at a total cost of £185 plus VAT and request that DMR Engineering install it. The old one to be taken down and considered for repair for use as spare.

It was also discussed that there is nowhere for users of the Skate Park and MUGA to shelter.

**ACTION:** The Assistant Town Clerk to obtain three quotations for a metal open shelter for installation on the tarmac between the Skate Park and MUGA.

### **Toilets**

Cllr Banks has contacted DMR Engineering regarding the design of the vandal proof toilet roll holder and it is now awaiting delivery. He has also been designing the vandal proof door frame and locking system – the approximate cost should be £200.

No further actions have taken place regarding the other actions from last meeting.

### **35 UPDATE ON ADDITIONAL SEATING**

The Isle of Wight Council have not allowed the benches between the football pitches due to the problems with mowing and the necessity to be able to move the pitches when required.

They will allow three wooden benches to be installed along the car park perimeter; costs are below:

Price for three wooden seats obtained – all prices obtained from Broxap.

Cambridge Timber seat (1800mm length) £349 plus brackets £17.50 = **£366.50** plus VAT and delivery – medium duty  
Kennington Timber seat (1500 mm length) £599 plus brackets £39.00 = **£598** plus VAT and delivery – heavy duty  
Kennington Timber seat (1800 mm length) £593 plus brackets £39.00 = **£632** plus VAT and delivery – heavy duty  
Kennington Timber seat (2400 mm length) £775 plus brackets £39.00 = **£814** plus VAT and delivery – heavy duty  
Buckingham Timber seat (1500 mm length) £426 plus brackets £39.00 = **£465** plus VAT and delivery – heavy duty  
Buckingham Timber seat (1800 mm length) £475 plus brackets £39.00 = **£514** plus VAT and delivery – heavy duty  
There would be the additional cost of installation.

Discussion took place regarding the size, cost and wood use for the various benches.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That three benches of the Kennington Design (made from oak that requires little maintenance) are purchased from Broxap at a total cost of £1896.00 plus delivery and VAT.

**ACTION:** That the Assistant Town Clerk contacts the IW Council for their advice for an installer from which installation costs would be obtained.

### **36 UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF AN INCREASE BIN FOR OUTSIDE THE TOILET BLOCK**

Price obtained for a larger bin to IW Council specifications

140 litres £399 plus carriage £90, plus fixing kit £9.95 = **£498.95** plus VAT

240 litres £429 plus carriage £90 plus fixing kit £9.95 = **£528.95** plus VAT

300 litres £449 plus carriage £90 plus fixing kit £9.95 = **£548.95** plus VAT

After some discussion it was decided that:

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the 300 litres bin is purchased from Broxap at a cost of £548.95 plus VAT

**ACTION:** That the Assistant Town Clerk contacts the IW Council for their advice for an installer from which installation costs would be obtained.

### **37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**Meeting ended at 7.45pm**

**CHAIRMAN**