

**PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Grounds Committee was held at the Town Hall, Petersfield, on Thursday 17 February 2005.

**PRESENT:** Mr C Jenner (Chairman)  
Mr A Baird  
Mrs J Butler  
Mr V Clarke  
Ms M Vincent

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs B Macken (Town Clerk)  
Mrs S McMorran (Deputy Town Clerk)  
Mr P Jones (Maintenance Contract Officer)  
Mr K Law (Chairman of PADAC)  
Mr J Crowhurst (Treasurer of PADAC)  
Mrs V Pike (Friends of Petersfield Heath)  
Mr J Pike (Friends of Petersfield Heath)  
Miss K Pitt (Friends of Petersfield Heath)  
Mr K Heppell (Friends of Petersfield Heath)  
Petersfield Herald

**G 0616      CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman informed members of the following:  
The Salvation Army would be holding their open air services on 15 May, 19 June, 17 July 21 August and 18 September 2005 and the Lions Club Fun Run on 8 May had been postponed.

**G 0617      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Mr Ayer.

**G 0618      APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Following consideration, it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 13 January and 3 February 2005 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**G 0619      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**G 0620      MAINTENANCE/CONTRACTS OFFICER'S REPORT**

Mr Jones gave his report to those present, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

It was then

**RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned for a 5 minute period, in order for members of the public to discuss matters of interest with Councillors. As no questions were forthcoming the meeting was re-convened.

**G 0621      THE HEATH****A.      Petersfield and District Angling Club (PADAC)****i.      Bank Stabilisation****(a)      Plan**

The Plan was received and noted.

**(b)      Friends of Petersfield Heath (FoPH)  
response**

Chairman of the FoPH expressed concern for the need for so many swims for the disabled, which would result in the loss of the natural appearance of the Pond. She also advised that it may be possible for the FoPH to attract funding and urged that time was taken to make the correct decision on the method used for bank stabilisation.

Mr Pike went through the letter sent from the FoPH with Mr Law from PADAC answering questions that arose from both Mr Pike and the Chairman.

Following discussion the Chairman asked if both the FoPH and the PADAC would consider the use of more of the coir/faggots system together with railway sleepers for the swims. Both FoPH and PADAC advised that they would be willing to call committee meetings to discuss the option. The Chairman also asked if there was a local site that had used the coir/faggots system, which could be visited. Following which it was

**RESOLVED** that both the FoPH and PADAC discuss the matter and attend the March

meeting of the Grounds committee when the matter would be considered further.

**(c) Mr Crowhurst's response**

Mr Crowhurst stated his concern that many people seemed to be opposed to moving the bank out - this was not to facilitate anglers but to get away from trees. The coir/faggots system was reliant on sunlight and the tree canopy could exclude this. He also stated that conservation must come before angling.

**ii. Erection of notice board**

**RESOLVED** that permission for a 600mm x 900mm notice board to be erected adjacent to the existing notice board be given.

**iii. Accounts for 2003/4 and new Constitution**

Both were received and noted.

**B. Public Seat**

Members received an offer of £400 for a memorial seat from a member of the public. It was suggested that this amount be put towards one of the proposed new seats around the Heath in the new financial year.

**RESOLVED** that this offer be accepted with pleasure and that Officers liaise with the member of the public regarding the siting of the seat.

**G 0622 DEVELOPERS CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Chairman advised that the EHDC Officer he needed to speak to was away on leave. It was therefore

**RESOLVED** that this item be deferred to the next meeting of committee.

**G 0623 LOVE LANE CAR PARK**

Members received notice from the Solicitor to EHDC that the lease will terminate on 12 August 2005 and also asking for consideration of the acceptance of the surrender of the lease before that date.

Following consideration it was

RECOMMENDED

i. that the termination of the lease be regretfully accepted

ii that the possibility of the Town Council making this a pay car park as a source of income be investigated.

G 0624

**PENNS FARM PLAYING FIELD**

**A. Damage to electricity cables**

Members received and noted a report from the Town Clerk a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

**B. Establishment of a second football pitch**

Members received a report from the Maintenance Contracts Officer regarding the establishment of a second football pitch to be used by Liss Football Club a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

Following consideration it was

**RECOMMENDED** that a second football pitch be established at Penns Farm Playing Fields with the rental set at £550 for the 2005 season with subsequent years at £430 (plus normal yearly increases as set by the Town Council)

G 0625

**THE SPAIN (G0539 refers)**

Members received advice from the Town Council's insurers that the Town Council could be held responsible if a claim was down to something the Council had done, but it would depend on the circumstances whether the Council would be responsible. This was noted.

G 0626

**THE AVENUE PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK**

Members received advice from the Town Council's insurers (regarding responsibility for the recent damage to a neighbour's fence) that the claim was against the car driver's insurance rather than the Town Council. This was noted.

It was also noted, and consideration would be given at budget deliberations, that the neighbour had requested the installation of defensive bollards along the stretch of fence where their house was vulnerable.

**G 0627      KIDS AND CANINES EVENT**

Members received a request from the Environmental Protection Officer at EHDC for suggestions as to where such events might be held in Petersfield.

Following consideration it was

**RESOLVED** that the writer be advised that the Avenue Playing Field or Bell Hill Recreation Ground were considered suitable sites and were available for hire from the Town Council.

**G 0628      ALLOTMENT USERS' MEETING**

Members were asked to give consideration to a date for the Allotment Users' Meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the Allotment Users' Meeting be held in Sheet Village Hall on 6 September 2005 commencing at 7 pm

**G 0629      BELL HILL RIDGE**

Members received an offer for an easement over land leading to number 4.

**RECOMMENDED** that this offer be accepted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm