

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the Grounds Committee was held at the Town Hall, Petersfield, on Thursday 15 June 2006 at 6.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Ms M Vincent (Deputy Chairman)
Mrs H Ayer
Mr B Dutton
Mr H Sandeman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S McMorran (Deputy Town Clerk)
Mr P Jones (Maintenance/Contracts Officer)
Petersfield Herald
0 members of the public

G 0129 **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

The Chairman advised those present that the 1st Petersfield Scouts were holding a Beaver Camp at Sheet Recreation Ground on Saturday 1 July - Sunday 2 July 2006.

G 0130 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Daubney and Mr Jenner.

G 0131 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 18 May 2006 be approved and signed as a correct record.

G 0132 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

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.

No public present.

The meeting was re-convened.

G 0133 **THE HEATH:**

A. Buildings on Heath Adjacent to Little School

Members received quotation for demolition of the building together with the cost of a new concrete base and details of pre-fabricated replacement building. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that this matter be deferred to the July meeting of committee when further information regarding possible planning permission for a replacement building would be available. Officers were also asked to ascertain if any new (replacement) building would be a capital or revenue project.

B. Friends of Petersfield Heath

Members received and noted minutes of meetings held on 2 and 5 May 2006.

G 0134

PENNS FARM PLAYING FIELDS

Requests to use Penns Farm Playing Fields were received from:

A. Petersfield Town Juniors Football Club

Permission requested for six-a-side tournament 9 and 10 June 2007.

RESOLVED that permission for the six-a-side tournament 9 and 10 June 2007 be approved.

B. Petersfield Infant School Association (PISA)

Permission requested for a Family Fun Run either 23/24 September 2006, 30 September/1 October 2006 or Spring 2007.

RESOLVED that permission be approved with the suggestion that the organisers may like to contact Liss Runners for help and advice regarding this event and that the event be held on the running track at the site. The date of the event to be delegated to Officers

It was also

RECOMMENDED that no charge be made for the use of Penns Farm Playing Fields for this event.

C. Taro Leisure Centre

Permission requested for Sport Relief Run a Mile Event on 15 July 2007. Request also received to waive the normal charge.

RESOLVED that permission be approved for this event on 15 July 2006 and that the event be held on the running track at the site.

It was also

RECOMMENDED that no charge be made for the use of Penns Farm Playing Fields for this event.

G 0135

SHEET COMMON - INSURANCE FOR DIRT BMX TRACK

Members received a quotation in the sum of £509.57 for extended public liability insurance to cover a BMX Dirt track at Sheet Common. Regular inspection of the track would also be necessary.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that further consideration be given to this matter at the next meeting of the Grounds committee when further information and costings plus a set of simple rules for use of the facility would be available.

G 0136

FOOTPATHS:

A. Annual Footpath Walk

Members were asked to give consideration to a date for the Annual Footpath Walk.

Members were not sure that the annual footpath walk served any real purpose. The footpath authority had taken no action when problems had been reported previously. Before a date was set it was

RESOLVED that Officers contact the Rights of Way Officer to ascertain if the annual footpath walk was of any benefit.

B. Parish Path Poll

Members were asked to give consideration to a date for the Parish Path Poll. Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that the Ramblers Association be contacted to ascertain if they would be willing to carry out a poll on footpath 31 (into 27) on a date convenient to them.

G 0137 **LITTER PICK**

Members were asked to give consideration to the date for the annual litter pick and to decide which site(s) to pick.

Following consideration it was

RESOLVED that the litter pick be held on Saturday 29 July 2006 meeting at 10 am at the Petersfield Laundry. The areas to be picked were: Access to the Station Car Park (Rushes Road), Drum Lane and along the river and High Meadow.

G 0138 **ENVIRONMENT AGENCY**

Members received and noted correspondence informing them that the Environment Agency had taken over management of some watercourse within the area i.e. Tilmore Brook, Bedford Stream, Extension of the Stanbridge Stream and Borough Grove Ditch.

G 0139 **BELL HILL RECREATION GROUND ACCESS**

Members were advised that a site visit had been held on 13 June when all interested parties had been present.

The Highways department had advised that they would be able to make a bid for funding in 2007/2008 for the widening of the footpath, playground (road) signs, road markings and barrier. Other aspects of the plan had been passed to the correct HCC departments for comments.

Members were delighted that the project was moving forward and thanks were given to Messrs Jenner, Sandeman and Ayer for their work.

G 0140 **LOVE LANE SPORTS GROUND**

Members were asked to give consideration to what action was necessary regarding repairs and graffiti removal to the fence surrounding the Football Ground. Under the terms of the lease the Football Club were responsible for the maintenance and repair of the fence. Members also received e-mail correspondence from the Secretary of the Club.

Members were concerned that repairs had not been carried out on a regular basis since the fence had been made good by the Town Council (several years ago). The fence had at least a dozen panels broken with one section missing and a broken gate. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED that the Club be informed of the terms of their lease and that repairs must be carried out to the fence and gate as soon as possible.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.38 pm