

PETERSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Grounds Committee held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Petersfield, on Thursday 13th April 2017 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr J Matthews (Chairman), Cllr Mrs L Farrow, and Cllr Mrs M Vincent

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr J Deane (Town Mayor), Mr N Hitch (Town Clerk), Mr S Field (Office and Committees Manager), and 1 member of the public.

G 0843 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

G 0844 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr N Orr and Cllr P Strawbridge

G 0845 DISPENSATION UNDER SECTION 33 OF THE LOCALISM ACT (2011)

No requests for dispensation were received.

G 0846 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

G 0847 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED the minutes of the meeting of the Grounds Committee held on 16th March 2017 be received and approved

G 0848 PUBLIC REPRESENTATION

There was no public representation

G 0849 GROUND'S REPORT

Members received and noted the Grounds Report for April 2017 by the Senior Groundsman. *(A copy is attached to these Minutes as Appendix A).*

Members discussed the amount of rubbish that had been left on the heath over the weekend. It was considered whether the sizes of bins could be reviewed, and in particular, the ones nearest to the Plump Duck.

G 0850 HEATH MANAGEMENT PLAN

Members received a copy of the proposed Heath Management Plan. Members debated areas on the report marked in red, and other areas of the report were clarified. The Town Clerk has written to English Heritage

regarding the initial work being carried out on the trees located on the barrows.

Members agreed that a note should be added to section 4 regarding the work being carried out on the willows at the edge of the pond.

RESOLVED: that agreed amendments should be made to the Heath Management Plan and approved in conjunction with the Dolphin Report, which represents the strategy for the management of the Heath

G 0851 **PETERSFIELD TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB - HEATH & SAFETY REPORT**

Members received the Petersfield Town Football Club Health and Safety Report and discussed the content, noting that priority 1's needed to be dealt with urgently. However, before these could be tackled, it was considered and suggested that Petersfield Town Council should carry out an asbestos survey.

RECOMMENDATION: that Petersfield Town Council locate funds to carry out an asbestos survey at the Petersfield Town Football Club, and that the priority 1's of Electrical and Fire Safety be resolved within a month of notice being given of the needs for works to be carried out. A sub group is to be formed to consider the ongoing issues with the lease and governance of use.

G 0852 **PHASE 2 SIGNS IN OPEN SPACES**

Members received graphical details illustrating the proposed phase 2 signs for open spaces

RECOMMENDATION: that final details and cost of proposed Phase 2 Signage for Open Spaces be presented and agreed before order is placed, and funds being provided from Earmarked Reserves

G 0853 **BAR TRAINING EQUIPMENT**

Members received a proposal from a member of the public to install Bar Training Equipment on the Heath. Members discussed that this idea had been raised before, but the Heath was not considered to be an appropriate location. However, other open spaces may be considered in the future, once the work on play areas identified for replacement of equipment had been carried out.

RESOLVED: that the introduction of Bar Training Equipment will be reviewed once the outstanding play areas have been replaced

G 0854 **RAISED FOOTPATH ON HEATH**

Members received a plan from Mr D Burstall regarding further work that could be carried out on the heath in conjunction with Churchers College to provide additional sections of raised footpath along the south of the pond. Members considered these proposals but were keen not to over-populate the area with raised footpaths where this was not necessary. One area that was identified for consideration, was the south corner where the pipe goes under two concrete blocks. Members also considered the possibility of roping off areas on the south of the Heath where some of the areas under the trees have lost grassed areas.

RESOLVED **that David Burstall be contacted regarding the proposed area of work, and that Petersfield Town Council investigate the roping off of certain areas on the Heath to encourage the re-growing of grass.**

G 0855 **FRIENDS OF PETERSFIELD HEATH COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY 21 MARCH 2017**

Members received a copy of the "Friends of Petersfield Heath Committee Meeting on Tuesday 21 March 2017"

CONFIDENTIAL

There were no confidential matters to discuss

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.47 p.m.

Grounds Report

April 2017

This report seeks to inform councillors of matters of interest affecting any of the public open space land which we own or manage. Members are reminded that its contents are not available for debate, but questions can always be asked and we will seek to answer them, however it should be borne in mind that if they involve the need for investigation or would be complex or lengthy, answers will need to be given outside of the meeting. If councillors consider that any matter on the report is in need of debate, the subject can be added to a future meeting's agenda for this purpose.

The Heath

- April maintenance schedule.

Love Lane Playing Fields

- April maintenance schedule.

Penns Farm Playing Fields

- April maintenance schedule.

Bell Hill Recreation Ground

- April maintenance schedule.

Paddock Way

- April maintenance schedule.

Woods Meadow

- April maintenance schedule.

General

ASB

- GREEN for most sites.
- Amber for Love lane during good weather/easter holidays (litter and one case of graffiti)
- Excessive litter caused by overflowing bins due to heavy use on fine weather days at Heath.
- Bin fire recorded on Heath very close to toddler area (unknown whether it was intentional as there were no witnesses and the fire was extinguished quickly).

Dugg Budd
Senior Groundsman
5th April 2017