

HAYDON WICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee of Haydon Wick Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th June at 8.10pm in the Parish Council Offices, Thames Avenue, Haydon Wick.

ATTENDENCE

MEMBERS: Councillors R Hailstone (Chairman), E Baker Lee, L Brown, S Heyes, J Jackson, A John, V Manro, K T Naik, R Venkatesh and R Worman.

OFFICERS: Clerk, Georgina Morgan-Denn
Administrator, Laura Cutter

AL 20 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

AL 21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

AL 22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public present who asked if there have been any recent reports of drug usage in the parish's open spaces. The committee re have been no reports of late.

AL 23 Smokefree Play Parks Presentation

Members received a presentation from Chris Woodward (Public Health Programme Manager, SBC) regarding the voluntary smoking ban in play parks. Chris Woodward advised that the aim is to have a smoke free generation by 2025 and could lead 1,000 parents out of poverty by using tobacco control, such as electronic cigarettes which can be 95% less harmful than cigarettes. The Councillors took the opportunity to ask some questions relating to the smoke free hospital site. There are no funds available to launch the project via the Public Health Team (SBC).

The Councillors suggested this could be an agenda item at a future Full Council meeting for careful consideration once costings are available.

Councillor Baker-Lee stepped out of the meeting

AL 24 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman requested that mobile phones were switched off or on silent during the meeting.

AL 25 MINUTES

Members received and approved the minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro

Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: the minutes of the Amenities & Leisure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st May 2019 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

Councillor Baker-Lee returned to the meeting

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AL 26 COUNCILLOR REPORTS

- Brown** Has been asked to open the Haydon Wick Festival. Councillor Baker-Lee will see if there are any spaces available and see if any Councillors would like to run a 'Meet & Greet session' at the event.
- Venkatesh** Seven Fields clarification needed. The Clerk confirmed she is liaising with contact and the Grass Team.
- Worman** All parishes have been cutting through the bad weather and the Clerk confirmed we have been cutting too.
- Hailstone** Checked if we're still strimming - Clerk confirmed it is but we're been slower than usual as we're training. Also asked if the hedges have been cut down Abbey Meads side of Pond Street – this was confirmed to have been done by the Contractors.

Also presented a newspaper article advising that Central Swindon South Parish Council were looking to hand back open space called Oakfield but it is believed that Nationwide own this land. Other Parish Councils are exploring this and it is something that could be discussed at the upcoming Swindon Area Committee meeting.

AL 27 CLERK'S REPORT

Will shortly be sending a date out to progress the Tadpole project. We have a name of one of the teenagers who cleared the site at Basil Close - a Year 7 in a local secondary school and it is suggested that commendations take place via school assembly and the pupil is awarded with some vouchers. Planters quotation for hanging baskets have been received and coming in at around £500, will try to reduce the amount required and get the best available quote. The Committee agreed that the Clerk can proceed with the finalised quote. The SBC Open Spaces Review has been given to the Technical Assistants to progress and will try to extend the deadline.

AL 28 OPERATIONAL BUDGET MONITORING

Members received and noted Month 1 operational income and expenditure against budget report for the Parks & Open Spaces cost centre. Councillor R Worman asked for a comparison of how this year's play equipment costs compare to last years – the Clerk confirmed that this information wasn't available to hand but she would investigate and come back to him.

AL 29 ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Proposal to make investigations into considering converting our POST vehicles to electric in the future. Noted there could be grant available in the future. Councillor S Heyes to progress with investigating.

AL 30 GRASS & HEDGE CUTTING

The Committee noted the report and after discussion resolved to agree to recommendations in the report.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro **Seconded:** Councillor S Heyes

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To purchase red diesel from SBC's Depot at 0.34 per litre + 5% VAT versus current price £1.28 per litre.

AL 31 LEISURE GARDENS

The Committee noted the report and after discussion agreed to distribute the work amongst the Parks & Open Spaces Team and agree recommendations listed 1-3 as below.

Proposed: Councillor L Brown

Seconded: Councillor R Worman

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to the following recommendations:

1. To agree actions above can be distributed amongst the Parks & Open Spaces Team
2. To refund the previous plot holder 50% of the yearly rent charge and split the existing plot in to two ready to allocate to the next people on the waiting list. The Committee suggested that this is done on a case by case basis.
3. For Policy & Finance to review the Terms and Conditions for the new rent year (Oct 19 – Sept 20) and incorporate the above in Section 8 – Termination of Tenancy of a Leisure Garden.

AL 32 PARKS & PROJECTS

The Committee noted the report and after discussion resolved to agree to recommendations in the report.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker-Lee

Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree to the following recommendations:

- (a) To agree to install a litter bin in Mouldon Hill car park (cost neutral)
- (b) To review the bins policy

Resolved to move Agenda 18 - Haydon Leigh Skatepark Refurbishment forward on the agenda.

AL 33 HAYDON LEIGH SKATEPARK REFURBISHMENT

The Committee noted the report from the working party and resolved to continue with a tender for the skate park with a budget circa £80,000. The Clerk confirmed that grant applications could also be considered but this may delay the renovations.

Proposed: Councillor E Baker-Lee

Seconded: Councillor A John

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To continue with a tender for the skate park with a budget of circa £80,000.

AL 34 BENCH AT AVONMEAD

Councillors Baker-Lee and Brown investigated this issue and considered other areas to relocate the bench. It has been confirmed that is an isolated incident and only one report has been logged with the Police. In view of this Council will leave the bench where it is and continue to monitor situation.

Proposed: Councillor Baker-Lee

Seconded: Councillor Brown

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To leave the bench where it is.

AL 35 CCTV

The Committee considered a proposal from Councillor V Manro regarding siting CCTV cameras in the Parish. Councillor V Manro confirmed he obtained permission from Councillor D Renard to install CCTV on a street light near the Avonmead bench to assess the amount of anti-social behaviour. Councillor L Brown proposed to site the CCTV camera at Avonmead until the end of September and assess how much activity takes places there. Following further discussion Councillor L Brown withdrew her original proposal and the Committee resolved to agree to the following proposals.

Proposed: Councillor V Manro **Seconded:** Councillor S Heyes

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To agree the following proposals:

Proposal 1:

To have POST install a new post for the camera, associated signage at White Eagle open space.

Proposal 4:

To purchase two additional CCTV cameras and 4G Data Sim cards from our available 2019/2020 budget (£3500.00 available). Each camera is £705.00 with 60W solar panel and 40AH battery. Total cost £1,410.

The supplier will be the same as the previous two purchases. The supplier was chosen based on camera specifications, value, support and stock availability.

AL 36 ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

To pass agenda items to the Clerk.

AL 37 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC & PRESS

RESOLVED: In accordance with Standing Order 3 (d) that 'in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted and in the public interest, that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw'. Reason: Contractual & Complaint.

AL 38 SECURITY CONTRACT REVIEW

The Clerk presented a table with three comparable quotations for the Skate Park & King George V Play Park security contract. After discussion the Committee resolved to continue with the current security contractor but to with checks to ensure that the contract is fulfilling its purpose.

Proposed: Councillor L Brown **Seconded:** Councillor R Hailstone

Vote: Agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To continue with the current security contractor.

AL 39 WASTE COMPLAINT

Further information regarding the inspection at Goodearl site had not been received to date. It is hoped that further information will be available for the next meeting, the Clerk will continue to pursue.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm **Chairman:**

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