



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. L. Ling

Minutes

of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices at the Memorial Leisure Centre, Harleston

Present: Councillors; Mark Betts (acting Chairman), Richard Joselyn, Sue Kuzmic and Robert Arbon

Also present: Lynda Ling – Town Clerk and Rosie Riches - Office Assistant
Adam Mullin and Neil Shannon representing HTFC

Cllr Betts opened the meeting by explaining that as the Chairman of the Council was absent he would be Chairing the meeting. In addition, a Cllr needs to be co-opted for this evening only.

Co-option of a town councillor to the Recreation Committee for this meeting only –
Agreement to co-opt Cllr Arbon was proposed by Cllr Betts and seconded by Cllr Kuzmic

1. **Welcome** – Cllr Betts welcomed those present to the meeting
2. **To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Bickley, Broughton, Roberts and Rose.
3. **To receive any declarations of pecuniary or any other Interests in particular matters to be raised at this meeting** – None
4. **Approval of Minutes** - To approve the minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 – Councillor Kuzmic proposed approval of the minutes which was seconded by Cllr Betts.
5. **Matters arising** – Skate Park - Cllr Kuzmic has completed the questionnaire regarding preferences by youngsters and thoughts about the recreation ground and Cllr Bickley is forwarding it to schools for their feedback.

Cllr Betts raised that there had been a number of emails from staff re the conduct of football fans and the public thought to be associated with the away team. Cllr Arbon would like to have a meeting with the Football Club setting out HTC terms of reference, this was seconded by Cllr Betts.
6. **Chairman's report** – None
7. **To receive reports from regarding the gym, maintenance, (including new workshop costs), any club reports and agree any action** –

Gym Report:-

- Cllr Betts read report from the Gym Manager requesting the possibility of purchasing 3 more second hand Spinning Bikes at a cost of £325.00, after much discussion it was

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agreed to look at the cost of purchasing these new or the possibility of a sponsorship deal with the makers and bring it to the next meeting. Natasha also reported that the Table Tennis bats often needed attention re-gluing etc, she proposed that a charge for hiring the bats and Squash racquets could be enforced, Cllr Kuzmic said that she would be happy to make a charge a reasonable newish kit but not the second hand repaired equipment we have at present. It was proposed that Cllr Arbon would talk to Natasha about speaking to companies re the possibility of sponsorship, the proposals were agreed with amendments Proposed Cllr Arbon seconded Cllr Kuzmic

- Natasha has also put forward a suggestion that the Squash courts be made available from Gym opening times until 4:00pm during the 6 weeks school holidays to encourage more youngsters. Agreement proposed Cllr Betts seconded Cllr Kuzmic
- Joe has asked to hire the function room on 25th May 7-8pm for a one-off presentation on Nutrition, he will pay for the room hire and offer it at an entry fee of £6.00 for non-members and £4.00 for members. Agreement proposed Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Kuzmic

Maintenance Report -

- Maintenance Shed- prices ranged from £5,850.00 + VAT = non-insulated to £10,100.00 + VAT for insulated one, it was felt by the committee that the insulated one would be the better buy and more suitable for its purpose. Agreement proposed Cllr Arbon, seconded Cllr Betts.

ALL AGREED

8. To discuss idea's put forward for the 10-year celebration of the gym opening and agree any action –Cllr Betts stated that this could be combined with the picnic proposal by Nicky Stainton of Harleton's Future Group to celebrate Norfolk Day when free sessions are offered for ALL sports. It was suggested that perhaps 1 member from each club could be invited to get together and form a committee for this.

9. To discuss the PING project through SNC (free table tennis, bats and balls for outdoor use) and agree any action – This event runs from 1st July – 31st September, we have been offered a free Table, Bats and Balls to promote Table Tennis at no charge. It was agreed to ask Nicola Woollacott to attend the June meeting with more information. **ALL AGREED**

10. To receive an update on the boiler and associated works and agree any action

After discussion it was agreed that this should now go down the legal route as nothing has been forthcoming from Eyre and we should instigate legal action against them, Cllr Kuzmic asked for this to be made a regular item to keep councillors up-dated. Agreement proposed by Cllr Arbon, seconded Cllr Betts **ALL AGREED**

11. To receive an update on proposed plans for a hardstanding/footpath on the long side of the football pitch, extended path towards the corner of Swan Lane and Wilderness Lane and agree any action –

- Adam Mullin stated that the Football club are happy to pay for a new hard standing footpath at the top of Swan Lane to adjoin with the main pathway which offers disabled access, Cllr Arbon asked for re-assurance that no further improvements would be undertaken by the Football Club, AM stated that the Football Club would not seek further promotion as a club so no further improvements were envisaged, the current situation is a result of the success of the Harleton team in the last season. Cllr Betts asked for a vote on the long footpath, agreement proposed by Cllr kuzmic, seconded by Cllr Betts.
- AM will be meeting with flood light specialist Steve Howson for the avoidance of digging the same area twice so that cable ducts could be put in during construction of the footpath for flood lights, the planning application and layout to achieve the best lighting, this could be LED lights which are more efficient, offering better lighting, the FA will be helping with this.

Cllr Kuzmic stated it was important to support local clubs in their success and advancement to the next level. Agreement proposed by Cllr Betts, seconded by Cllr Kuzmic

ALL AGREED

12. To receive an update on the leisure centre toilets, showers and changing rooms and agree any action – The clerk informed members that she had checked with SNC and the refurbishment could be funded from section 106 monies.

13. To receive an update for the cost for the fitting of fixed weights matting in the weights room and agree any action Proposals – (A) £778.00 + VAT, (this is the original choice) (B) £2711.80 + VAT, (C) £1,204.00 + VAT and carriage, it was agreed to go with (A) as from previous months minutes as agreed by councillors.

ALL AGREED

14. To receive reports from committee members – Cllr Arbon spoke of his concern over the area under the climbing log apparatus in the children’s play area. The Clerk informed members that nothing has shown up on the ROSPA report but will check again and speak with S. Cox

15. Clerks report –

- Request from Harleton Futures Group to allow car parking on the recreation ground on the occasion of the Antiques Fair – was agreed although weather dependant
- Use of tables and chairs for the evening event at the Antiques Fair – this was agreed
- Planning application for old portacabin
- Sale/disposal of redundant tills x 2, computer modem and photocopier, proposed to try and sell these on eBay or dispose of.
- The clerk has made enquiries to Kitchen Sense regarding either an ex-showroom kitchen or a second-hand one for use in the gym kitchen, Kitchen Sense have agreed to donate one of their ex-display kitchens

16. Approval of items of expenditure – Agreement was proposed Cllr Joselyn and seconded by Cllr Kuzmic

ALL AGREED

17. Significant correspondence and agree any necessary action - None

18. To confirm the date of the next meeting – Wednesday 6th June 2018 at 7.00pm in the Social Room, Harleston Leisure Centre

Meeting ended at 8.45pm

Signed

Date