

MINUTES of the GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING held on **Tuesday 14th May 2024 at Summercourt Memorial Hall commencing at 8pm.**

PRESENT: Cllrs D Hearl, R Cole, C Cowburn, P Cocks & C Hook.

SUBSTITUTE: Cllr R Wimberley.

APOLOGIES: Cllr M Gregory

ALSO PRESENT: Cllrs R Beardwell & M Pascoe.

24/GP01 Declarations of Interest in agenda items.

None.

24/GP02 Minutes of the Committee Meeting of 13th September 2023 to be approved.

Proposal by Cllr Hook to approve the minutes of 13th September 2023, seconded Cllr Cocks, unanimous.

The above was duly **resolved**.

24/GP03 Matters arising

23/GP18- skip has been in place and tenant has cleared the plot.

24/GP04 Playing Fields

a. Thomas Playing Field

i. HAGS- update.

No update, just waiting for timeframe.

b. Indian Queens Recreation Ground

i. Home Changing Room Door- due to rust the door has dropped on hinges and difficult to lock to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Quote for £375 (inc. VAT) plus delivery, approx. £70 to match existing.

Proposal by Cllr Cocks to replace, seconded Cllr Hook, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

ii. Youth Club- to consider replacing recently removed sofa, to consider and resolve, to approve assoc. expenditure (if any).

Proposal by Cllr Wimberley Clerk to purchase 2nd hand sofa, seconded Cllr Cocks, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

iii. Bin Shelter- to consider construction materials to enable quote, to resolve.

The handyman can build a wooden structure, but will need quotes if require brick construction.

Proposal by Cllr Hook to build in wood and Handyman to complete, seconded Cllr Cowburn, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

iv. Play Area- contractor is on site completing quote as approved minute 23/111 for £1170, (to note the zip wire was repaired September it is just the other pieces), during the interim bearing on the basket swing has broken, removed for repair £200 and the toddler swing has been bent but chains are also wearing, quote to be provided, skate ramp screws loose, screws have worn away, difficult to quote as not sure how many screws (same issue at Thomas PF) to consider quote for additional

works, to resolve and approve assoc. expenditure (if any). Pressure washing also needed, quote for £400 received.

Quote received for repair to toddler swing, new stainless steel chains and seats £573 + VAT. This does not include the skate ramp, the contractor has stated he will just charge for materials and labour, some of the wood needs replacing on the ramps to enable screws to be inserted, but some is still good.

Clerk has spoken to the Handyman who is happy to complete pressure washing of play equipment.

Proposal by Cllr Cocks to approve all repairs, including skate ramps, and also request he repairs Thomas Playing Field to instruct handyman to pressure wash equipment, seconded Cllr Hook, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

c. Any other matters relating to Playing Fields.

i. Recreation Ground Lane- access issues.

Clerk reported a house that backed onto Rec Lane blocked the Lane yesterday morning at Playgroup drop off. Permission had not been sought to use the Lane as access. The manager of the Under 5s phoned to complain, due to children, goods deliveries, and staff unable to enter. It then became apparent that this was not the first time, it had also happened Friday of last week. The Clerk contacted the Chairman to ascertain the exact address of the property concerned.

Cllr Hearl visited and spoke to the contractors.

The owner contacted the Clerk yesterday late afternoon, to find out what had been happening as his contractors reported to him, they had had issues. The Clerk explained that it was a private lane, owned by the Council, which the public have a right to use to access the Recreation Ground only (farmer also has access to his land) but there are no access rights to the rear of the dwellings. The owner has been advised that he will need to obtain permission to use the Lane for loading and unloading.

Cllr Hearl visited the site again today, and the garden has been levelled.

Proposal by Cllr Beardwell, Clerk puts this in writing to the owner, request permanent boundary is replaced with no gate or access within 1 week, or we will create a boundary and charge and to satisfy ourselves request a certificate that the contractors were authorised to carry hazardous waste and a copy of the waste transfer note, seconded Cllr Hook, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

24/GP05 Allotment - update on plots and waiting list.

The Clerk reported there is 1 on the allotment waiting list, due to the extremely wet weather cultivation has been difficult this year. Concerns regarding the increase in rents due to come in in October that several tenants maybe giving up at the end of the season.

Proposal by Cllr Cocks to leave the increase for this year, seconded Cllr Hook, carried.

The above was duly **resolved**.

24/GP06 Correspondence

None.

24/GP07 Other urgent business.

None

24/GP08 To set date and request agenda items for next GPC meeting.

The next meeting will be July 2024 after Planning Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.

Signed : (Chairman) (dated)