

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Property Committee held in The Chanctonbury Room, The Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington, on Wednesday, 2nd March 2022 commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mrs L Wheatley in the Chair, Mr B Dent, Mr A Head, Mr R Hurley, Mr S Matthews, and Mrs A Worthington-Leese.

39. **Apologies for Absence.** All Members were Present.

40. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** There were no declarations of interest.

41. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the last Meeting held on the 2nd March 2022.** The minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

42. **Clerk's Update.** Referring to Minute No. 32(a) (Sullington Outdoor Gym), The Clerk reported that Cllrs. Wheatley Mrs Worthington-Leese had inspected the designs and had shortlisted 3 for public consultation.

Referring to Minute No. 34 (Energy audits), The Clerk reported that audits of each of the Parish Council owned buildings had now been carried out and Members would be provided with copies of the findings when received.

Minute No. 35 (Main Hall Floor). Members heard that the floor refurbishments had been completed.

43. **Public Participation – Members of the Public may comment on items on the agenda.** No Members of the Public were present.

44. **Chanctonbury Leisure Centre – Progress Report.** Members had been provided with the latest monthly progress reports from the Leisure Centre and Mrs Wheatley briefly outlined the content of the last meeting of the Trustees. All projected business areas appeared to be on or ahead of target and whilst membership numbers were slightly higher than expected, caution had been expressed about this continuing in the current climate.

45. **Play equipment Maintenance – Update.** Members heard that the S106 application for replacement surfacing at the Twin Fly apparatus at Storrington Playground had been approved and the works would be undertaken shortly.

Efforts to arrange a date for various other repairs at Storrington and Sullington play areas were proving difficult but the Clerk was in constant contact with Proludic to resolve this as soon as possible.

46. **Youth Provision – Update on “Project Storrington.”** The Clerk had recently attended a meeting with representatives of HDC's Community Services Team to discuss youth provision and what can be done to encourage and support what is already happening in the area. Invitations had been sent to various groups, organisations and other interested parties to attend a further meeting to develop ideas and look at how to increase positive activities for young people in Storrington. This meeting would be taking place at the Leisure Centre on 23rd March at 1pm and the Clerk would report further at the next meeting of this committee.

47. **Documents for Councillors to Read.** There were no documents.
48. **Chairman's Announcements.** No Matters were raised.
49. **Adjournment.**
- (a) **Storrington Recreation Ground – Condition of Cricket Outfield.** Cllrs. Dent and Head (along with the Clerk) had attended a site meeting with the Grounds Maintenance Company to inspect the condition of the field and the Cricket Club's requirements for grass cutting. A quotation to vertidrain, apply fertiliser and oversee the south west corner and to scarify the remainder of the field, had been requested.
- (b) **Unauthorised Tree Planting at Storrington Recreation Ground.** Members heard that a sapling had been planted at the Recreation Ground and the Clerk had received reports that a group who meet there on Sunday mornings were responsible for this. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Wardens should deliver a letter when they are next on duty on Sundays, requesting that the group contact the Clerk about this.
- (c) **Meeting between Parish Council, Football Club, Cricket Club and Leisure Centre.** Mrs Wheatley reported that she had chaired a second meeting of these parties to share information about fixtures, planned activities and any other recreation ground related matters could be discussed. An agreement had been reached regarding use of the various fields for children's football camps which should resolve any concerns about overuse of certain areas.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm