

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 24 July 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Chris Bere (Chairman) Paul King
Steven Ecroyd Bill Hatton
Murray Thomson

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Sue Hatton who had an MSDC council meeting, and Alan Berry.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Chris Bere declared an interest in item 4 (d) as he sponsored the Adastra Bowling Club.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 May 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Adastra Park.**
 - a) **Sports Club fees: Adastra Tennis Club.** It was noted that the Adastra Tennis Club had now paid the fees for 2013/14. It was noted that membership had declined, and the club now had no junior members. A number of young people had been breaching the netting to use the courts without paying. It was agreed that quotations would be obtained for reinforcing the netting surrounding the courts. C
 - b) **Play Equipment Inspection Report.** It was noted that all the repairs had now been carried out.
 - c) **New Play Equipment.** Three quotations were considered for replacing the chipman unit in the south field, and the rotaweb climber in the children's play area. RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND that the quotation from Wickstead for a "Jumping Tarantula" Netscape, and a "Henge" Rockscape be accepted, provided funding could be obtained from MSDC from S106 contributions from the London Road Highway Depot and the Weald. C
 - d) **Bowling Green.**
 - (i) **Repairs to the Footpath on the Eastern Boundary.** The Adastra Bowling Club had reported that the footpath to the eastern boundary of the bowling green needed attention, and Chris Bere had carried out a site inspection. The Adastra Bowling Club had offered to carry out the work, and it was agreed that the parish council would fund the materials and make an allowance for the work done by club members in this regard. C

(ii) **Sand and Seed Injection.** The Adastra Bowling Club had written to Chris Bere with a quotation for carrying out a sand and seed injection treatment to the bowling green. It was agreed that the work would be approved on the understanding that the parish council funded the cost of materials, (£808), provided the club met the cost of a machine and operator.

5. **Talbot Field.** The correspondence from Ufton Associates regarding Westwards was noted. A response would be sent, copied to Zurich, indicating that the council confirmed its earlier agreement to allow Mr Morris to remove the central section of the hedge, at his expense, as set out in the letter to Mr Morris from Ufton Associates Ltd dated 30 May 2013.

6. **Allotments.** Murray Thomson reported that;

- It had been a good growing season, and tenants were very appreciative of the water supply
- Letters had been sent to some plot holders regarding the state of their plots following the last inspection, and a further inspection would be carried out in August
- The site was full, and the waiting list was shorter than it had been in July 2012
- An email had been circulated advising vigilance while travellers were camped in the village, and advising contact with the police if attempts were made to set up an illegal encampment on the Parklands Road recreation ground.
- The HAA had obtained some plastic plates to improve the car park surface.

7. **Date of Next Meeting.** 18 September 2013 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....

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