

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 29 May 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Chris Bere (Chairman)                      Alan Berry  
             Murray Thomson                                 Bill Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present were two members of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Paul King and Sue Hatton..
2. **Appointment of Chairman.** Chris Bere was appointed Chairman for 2013/14.
3. **Declarations of Interest.** Chris Bere declared an interest in item 5 (a) as he sponsored the junior football team.
4. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 March 2013.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
5. **Adastra Park.**
  - a) **Positioning of Sports Pitches in Adastra Park.** Chris Bere had met representatives of the junior football club to discuss the positioning of pitches in Adastra Park. There was insufficient space to relocate the junior football pitches to the east of the cricket square in the south field, and there would also be the danger of balls being kicked into residential properties in this area. The junior football club had 220 members and membership was increasing, so it was important to accommodate junior sport in the park. It was accepted that football had an impact on the surface of the park, but it was agreed that the council would take steps to mitigate those impacts where it could. It was not possible to meet all the demands of the sports clubs which played on the north and south fields, and it also had to be borne in mind that the Adastra Park was a mixed use public park. After discussion it was RESOLVED that the location of sports pitches in the Adastra Park should remain unchanged for another year, and the council would review the situation annually.
  - b) **Drainage, South Field.** RESOLVED that Barcombe Landscapes would be asked to spike the area to the north of the south field to improve drainage, at a cost of approximately £250.
  - c) **Adastra Car Park.** It was noted that the car park resurfacing had been re-done following problems with the aggregate, and that the

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surface was now satisfactory. The cost of the remedial work had been met by the suppliers.

- d) **Memorial Bench.** The request for a memorial bench near the tennis courts was agreed, to replace the existing bench which was in poor repair.
- e) **Sports Club Fees.** It was noted that the Chairman of the Adastra Tennis Club had now responded on the question of membership for 2013, and should be able to provide HPC with details fairly shortly so that an invoice for the season can be issued.
- f) **Play Equipment Inspection Report.** It was noted that the repairs identified were being carried out. It was noted that the Chipman Unit in the south field required repair again. Some of the unit had been removed, and it was reaching the end of its useful life, so it was agreed that consideration should be given to replacing it with a piece of equipment suitable for the 12-15 age group. Downlands would be asked to canvass their students on the type of equipment they would like, and quotations would be obtained. It was also agreed that the Climbing Net Rotating Cone did not work effectively and should be replaced by a different piece of equipment, for example a trampoline suitable for small children. Quotations would be obtained for consideration at the next meeting. MSDC would be asked if there were any grants or S106 funding available for sports equipment.

6. **Adastra Park Community Pavilion.**

- a) **Legionella Testing.** It was noted that a subscription to LCAS had been taken out, and details were awaited.
- b) **Shelving, North Store.** The quotation in the sum of £460 was accepted.

7. **Allotments.**

- a) **Water Supply.** It was noted that remedial works had been carried out and the water supply was now working satisfactorily.
- b) **Report From the Hassocks Allotment Holders Association.** An inspection had been carried out in May and in general the allotments were in a very good state of cultivation, but three plot holders had been sent warning letters regarding the state of their plots. It was agreed that the Groundsman would strim any plots which were left in a poor state before being re-let.

8. **Date of Next Meeting.** 24 July 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....