

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 18 January 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: David Cumberland (Chairman) Chris Bere
 Alan Berry Kristian Berggreen
 Murray Thomson Bill Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

1. **Apology for Absence.** An apology for absence was received from Phil Mead.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 23 November 2011.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Adastra Park.**
 - a) **Football Goal, North Field.** It was noted that no other organisation wanted the metal goal, so Fosters Playscapes had been asked to remove and dispose of it, at a cost of £340.
 - b) **Drainage, North Field.** MSDC had asked for updated quotations for drainage in the north field, in connection with a planning application on the Stafford House site, and two companies had been asked to quote.
 - c) **Adult Fitness Equipment.** It was noted that MSDC had made an award of £7,381 for adult fitness equipment from S106 funding. The committee discussed the three quotations for equipment which had been obtained for the purposes of the grant application, which were now out of time, and agreed to discount the cheapest quotation because of concerns over quality.
It was RESOLVED:
That the grant award from MSDC should be accepted,
That revised quotations should be obtained from Wickstead and SMP Fitness for adult fitness equipment, suitable for use by the 40+ age group, installed on wetpour, up to the value of the grant, before the next meeting of the committee,
That Wickstead should be asked for a catalogue of the full range of adult fitness equipment, and
That the equipment should be located in the north field of Adastra Park, possibly to the north of the tennis courts, next to the footpath, providing the Adastra Tennis Club had no objections.

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5. Aداstra Park Community Pavilion.

a) **Heat Pump.** It was noted that the heat pump had failed again on 3 January 2012. Riomay had attended and restarted the heat pump, but did not know the cause of the failure.

b) **Routine and Preventative Maintenance.** It was noted that SMS Services had declined to quote for the work. MSDC would be asked who carried out routine and preventative maintenance of their pavilions.

6. Parklands Road Allotments.

a) **Report from the Haha.** The report was noted. It was RESOLVED that:

The retrospective applications for permission for sheds on the site would be granted, up to the present limit of 20

That polytunnels could only be erected on allotment plots if they were 20" or less high, and the tenancy agreement would be revised to reflect this,

The Parish Council would make a planning application for a further 10 sheds on the site, and the Haha would assist with a plan of the position of all the existing sheds

The Parish Council has no objection to the allotments being included in the Hassocks Open Gardens scheme.

b) **Ash Tree.** It was noted that a fallen ash tree had been removed as a matter of urgency from the wood behind the allotments as it was leaning over a garden, at a cost of £288, paid for from the tree maintenance budget.

7. Burial Ground: Letter from the ABA Regarding Re-Use of Grave Spaces. The letter was noted. The Parish Council did not wish to make any representations on this issue.

8. Date of Next Meeting. 28 March 2012 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

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