

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 28 November 2012 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Frank Rylance (Chairman) Murray Thomson
Phil Mead Bill Hatton

In attendance: Sue Hatton

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present was one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Chris Bere, who was away, Paul King, who had a governors meeting, and Alan Berry.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 26 September 2012.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
4. **Adastra Park, Children's Play Area: Chipman Unit.** The committee considered a quotation for repairing the unit, and three quotations for replacing it. It was agreed that as the equipment was near the end of its useful life, it would be preferable to replace it with a similar unit. Having considered the three quotations it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND** that the unit should be removed, and replaced with a Wickstead Woodland Gnu, at a total cost of £6,825, plus VAT.
5. **Adastra Park Community Pavilion.**
 - a) **Legionella Testing.** A quotation from TSS was considered. There were a number of ambiguities in the quotation, and it was agreed that clarification would be sought on what was included in the contract, and what areas HPC would retain responsibility for. The matter would be reconsidered at the next meeting.
 - b) **Final Budget.** Viridor had paid the balance of their grant, and details of the total cost and funding for the project had been circulated for members' information.
6. **Talbot Field.**
 - a) **Items Requiring Maintenance.** The Groundsman was not present to give a report, but the Clerk reported that the Monday Group had looked at the bench and considered it beyond repair. A new wooden bench would cost in the region of £180, plus installation. The fencing to the west of the site was in poor repair and replacing this would cost in the region of £1,200. The stile was also in need of

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repair. It was agreed that all these items would be considered at the next meeting.

b) Aluminium Sign. An aluminium sign would cost £108, plus VAT, excluding the cost of a post to fix it to and installation. This would be considered at the next meeting with the items outlined in 6 (a) above.

c) Westwards. It was noted that the Chairman had received a further letter from the owners of Westwards, offering to buy the hedge on the eastern boundary, and this had been acknowledged and passed to the council's insurers, who were dealing with the matter.

7. Allotments. Murray Thomson reported that all the vacant plots had now been taken. An autumn clear up day had been held, and a pit had been dug for an earth closet, which would be covered with a second hand shed supplied by the HAA. Some allotment holders were digging small trenches to be filled with pea single to try to improve drainage in the very wet weather experienced this year. The third tap on site was not working, and it was agreed a plumber would be asked to look at this, and advise on draining the system for the winter. Murray Thomson would liaise with the plumber on site.

8. Date of Next Meeting. 30 January 2013 at 7.30 pm.

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There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

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