

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Grounds Committee Meeting held on 8 April 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Present: Steven Ecroyd (Chairman) Darryl Sinclair
David Cumberland Murray Thomson
Chris Bere

Clerk: Linda Baker

Also present was one member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Leslie Campbell, Bill Hatton, Sue Hatton and Paul King.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2015.** The minutes were taken as read, agreed by the meeting, and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, with the following amendment, para 5 (f), line 4, delete “ungraded”, substitute “upgraded”.
4. **Adastra Community Pavilion.**
 - a) **Bi-fold Doors.** It was noted that the new doors would be installed on 7/8 May 2015.
 - b) **Insurance Claim.** An email dated 25 March 2015 from Zurich Insurance was considered. The insurers had offered £603.17 towards the replacement cost following a site visit by their contractors. It was agreed that as Zurich were unlikely to reconsider, the settlement should be accepted.
5. **Adastra Park.**
 - a) **Trees.** Three quotations were considered for a safety report on all the trees in the park, and for work on trees bordering 9 Parkside and 23 Fir Tree Way. It was RESOLVED that the quotation of £600 from James Wilson Tree Care for a safety report would be accepted. It was agreed that the James Wilson would be asked for individual quotations for 9 Parkside and 23 Fir Tree Way, and that the council would fund half the cost if the residents contributed the remainder.
 - b) **Tennis Court Netting.** Alternative quotations for a new tennis net to replace the damaged net were considered. RESOLVED that a Sports Netting Company Tournament Tennis Net would be ordered, at a cost of £127, including delivery.
 - c) **Cycling Event.** It was noted that the organisers were considering an event in August 2016 and would contact the council later in the year with proposals.

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- d) **Hassocks Croquet Club.** It was noted that the club were relocating and would not be hiring the Adastra Park.
 - e) **Benches.** Two of the benches in the Children's Play area were becoming past repair and it was agreed that quotations would be obtained to replace them. The Groundsman would be asked to check if they were still safe to use.
6. **Talbot Field.** It was noted that the root barrier behind the white poplars had been installed.
7. **Parklands Road Allotments.**
- a) **Request for Funding for sand/interlocking plates for the gateway and car park.** A proposal from the HAHA for sand, MOT1 and interlocking plates to improve the surface of the gateway and car parking area was considered. RESOLVED that the council would fund the cost of materials, £895 plus VAT.
 - b) **Report from the HAHA.** There was nothing further to report on the vandalism which had occurred in March 2015. The committee thanked Murray Thomason and the HAHA for all the work they had done in improving the allotment site and the standard of the allotments.
8. **Date of Next Meeting.** 8 July 2015 at 7.30 pm. As this was the last meeting before the May 2015 elections, the Chairman thanked the members of the Grounds Committee for all their support and hard work in dealing with all the issues raised in the management of the council's grounds over the last four years.

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

Chairman.....

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