

## HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **GROUND AND ENVIRONMENT** Committee held on 27 February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Jane Baker  
Kate Bailey  
Leslie Campbell  
Peter Gibbons  
Bill Hatton  
Chris Hobbs  
Darryl Sinclair  
Ian Weir

In attendance: Ian Cumberworth –Parish Clerk  
Tracy Bates – Deputy Clerk  
Georgia Cheshire  
Tony Copeland  
Penny Wadsworth

**17/665** **APOLOGIES.**  
None

**17/666** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**  
Kate Bailey declared a personal non pecuniary interest in item 10.

**17/667** **MINUTES**

Cllr Bill Hatton re-iterated concerns that the minutes did not accurately reflect the current situation with the Skatepark and Play Provision. It was noted this had been previously raised and considered at the Full Council Meeting held on 14 February 2017. (Minute ref: 17/657.4)

**RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Grounds and Environment Committee meeting held on 30 January 2017.

There were no matters arising.

**17/668** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**  
No members of the Public were present.

**17/669** **OFFICER'S REPORT.**  
Noted

**17/670** **HANGING BASKETS**

Penny Wadsworth reported that she was to meet with Martin Dean from Greenscene Landscapes shortly to carry out a site visit to all businesses who had committed to having a hanging basket, and that the project was progressing as it should be.

**17/671 ADASTRA SKATEPARK AND PLAY FACILITIES.**

A verbal update by the Clerk was provided to Members following a meeting with Phil Doyle and Bernard Spiegel, consultants from Play England, regarding a Skatepark and Play Provision in Adastra Park.

The Clerk informed Members that a meeting had taken place on Wednesday 22 February between himself, the two consultants and the Deputy Clerk. A report had been received earlier today from the consultants and was to be circulated to members for consideration. It had been made clear to the Consultants that Members were in agreement that the current skatepark location was the desired location, however the Clerk noted that the Consultants had proposed a number of options which Members were asked to consider to determine the way forward including utilising the existing skatepark site, re-locating the skatepark and a review of the wider development of the park.

**17/672 NETBALL PROPOSAL TO HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL** This proposal was submitted as part of the Neighbourhood Plan consultation and is a request to provide provision for netball in Adastra Park. Members were asked to note the proposal.

A question was raised as to whether the proposal would be considered at a later date. The Deputy Clerk was asked to respond to this and explained that as the Committee was currently focussing on the Skatepark/Play provision, due to resourcing constraints a further standalone project would not be advisable at this current time. However it would be for Members to decide whether the Committee wished to continue with the Skatepark as a separate project, or whether to widen the focus to a review of the facilities within Adastra Park.

**17/673 BOWLING GREEN SUPPLIES** Members were supplied with details of grounds maintenance supplies required by Adastra Bowling Club and were asked to approve the expenditure of £748.70 plus VAT to cover the purchase of such supplies

**RESOLVED** the expenditure of £748.70 plus VAT to cover the purchase of required grounds supplies for Adastra Bowls Club to maintain Adastra Bowling Green.

**17/674 HASSOCKS TWINNING ASSOCIATION.** Members were asked to consider a request from Hassocks Twinning Association for the planting of a tree in the South Field of Adastra Park as part of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations.

Three suggestions had been provided by the Tree Warden, however the locations were in the vicinity of the Skatepark and in the light of proposed development in this area it was thought that other locations would need to be considered. After some discussion it was agreed that Georgia Cheshire would review various possible locations in Adastra Park and report back to the next Grounds and Environment meeting with a suggested location and species of tree. (Action: GC)

**17/675 PARKLANDS ROAD ALLOTMENTS**

Tony Copeland reported that there have been no further break-ins at the Parklands Allotments. A preliminary exploration of costing has shown that supply of Palisade fencing fully around the border of the allotments would be in the region of £13000. It was agreed that localising fencing at the more vulnerable and exposed areas of the allotments might be a more realistic approach alongside the use of further prohibitive planting. Increasing the height of the access gate was also considered a good possibility. This would be explored further by Tony Copeland and the Deputy Clerk. (Action: TB/TC)

**17/676**     **PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY.** Cllr Leslie Campbell informed the Committee that he had received a report of a fallen willow tree which was blocking footpaths 26K and 19K. This had been reported to the WSCC Access Ranger who was attempting to identify the landowner responsible. Further information provided at the meeting suggested that this issue was in the process of being dealt with by the landowner and that the tree should be removed by the weekend. Cllr Peter Gibbons agreed to inspect the footpath early next week to confirm that the tree had been removed. (Action: PG)

**17/678**     **URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN.** There were no urgent matters.

**17/679**     **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.** 30 March 2017

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

Signed .....Chairman

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