

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 4 APRIL 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd, Cllr Jane Welsh

In Attendance: Kitty Budden – Local Area Manager, Paul Naylor – Service Director, Neighbourhoods, Harry Lee – Project Manager

P1194 Apologies: Cllr Cliff Morris

P1195 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 7 March 2023.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2023 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None arising.

P1196 Correspondence

None on the agenda.

P1197 Berrywood Fields

Harry gave a brief overview noting that the site has been open since November 2022, utilised by Hedge End Rangers. The lease was recently completed with an option to have licence to HETC. The proposal is to have a handover April 2024 to allow for a EBC to have a full year of operation, sorting the legalities and allowing the maintenance of the pitches. The planning obligations cover a period of 15 years, and the commuted sum is based on this. There is a ground maintenance schedule for the site which EBC are working to. There is a single year agreement with HE Rangers for operational reasons. The Chairman and Manager of Rangers have been informed that this could change as part of any handover to HETC. There is a community use agreement with the school.

Cllr Derek Pretty noted that it was much better to hear from officers. Cllr Ian Corben thanked officers for attending. Cllr Keith House asked for some numbers on the anticipated income for this year, Harry thought it was about £800 per month. The maintenance cost is based on new pitches with anticipated costs of circa £29k on this specification. There is an expectation that after a couple of years the usage versus the maintenance could be better assessed.

Cllr Derek Pretty asked about the potential use of other groups and if HE Rangers are aware of this requirement. Cllr Derek Pretty asked about the maintenance specification and if this is any agreement to maintaining to a certain standard. Paul Naylor noted that the specification is more to keep the ongoing maintenance at a level that doesn't require further investment. The

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specification is to ensure that the drainage system lasts.

Cllr John Shepherd asked if there are any other additional costs outside of the pitch maintenance costs. Paul confirmed there are monies in the maintenance for the goals refurb each year. Harry noted that most of the costs for pitches comes from the buildings which have been taken out of the equation for this.

Cllrs had a lengthy discussion about the fees and maintenance schedule.

RESOLVED: Councillors noted the proposals and agreed the Clerk should proceed with the necessary legalities to transfer the site to HETC.

P1198 Community Grants

Councillors discussed the previously circulated report on community grants and considered the applications. **RESOLVED: Councillors agreed the following projects and amounts:**

- **8th Hedge End Rainbows - £250**
- **31st Itchen North Sea Scouts - £450**
- **Friends of Wildern Local Nature Reserve - £300 – conditional on funding bring released on production of invoices.**
- **Hedge End WI - £200**

Cllrs declined the Home Start Hampshire application for £1,300

P1199 Taplin Pavilion

The Clerk gave an update on the quotes for Taplin and sought a steer on the continued use for the Tennis Club during this time. **RESOLVED: Councillors agreed that we should remove access for the current tennis providers during this time.**

P1200 Clerks Update

The Clerk updated the Councillors on Old School House car park and the intention to remove the tree that is damaging the tarmac, re-tarmac this section and then white line ahead of enforcement being bought in.

The Clerk updated the meeting on the Market, the appointment of a Youth Team Leader, installation of vehicle tracking and the timing issues of the cricket nets. Cllrs felt that the Cricket Club should be approached for their preferred option.

P1201 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960

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P1202 Paddling Pool Tender

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:10 hours.