

# RECREATION

## TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely using MS Teams

| Councillors present | Councillors absent/apologies | In attendance            |
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| Cllr W Lawton       | Cllr I Wheeler               | J P Matthews – Clerk     |
| Cllr J Pain         |                              | S P Merritt – Asst Clerk |
| Cllr S Pullen       |                              |                          |
| Cllr A Forder-Stent |                              |                          |
| Cllr R Sellers      |                              |                          |
| Cllr S Cook         |                              |                          |
| Cllr T Bronk        |                              |                          |
| Cllr C Hill         |                              |                          |

| Item    | Business Transacted  |
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| R102/20 | <b>Apologies for Absence</b><br>Apologies received from Cllr I Wheeler.<br>Cllr Forder-Stent proposed Cllr Lawton to act as Chair, seconded by Cllr Cook.  |
| R103/20 | <b>Chairman's Announcements</b><br>No announcements made.  |
| R104/20 | <b>Declarations of Interest</b><br>No declarations were made.  |
| R105/20 | <b>Public Representation</b><br>No public in attendance.   |
| R106/20 | <b>Approval of Minutes</b><br>It was <b>Resolved</b> that minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Pain, seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent.   |
| R107/20 | <b>Matters arising</b> from the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.<br>None arising.  |
| R108/20 | <b>To receive</b> an update on tree works at Northfields and Hunter Park.<br>Cllr Pullen reported that both sets of work were completed satisfactorily. The surgeons did a lot of chipping at Hunter Park which has been used to mulch round the new hedging plants.   |
| R109/20 | <b>To receive and consider</b> the proposal of a bench at Northfields play area together with quotations.<br>Cllr Cook thanked the Clerk and Assistant Clerk for obtaining further quotes. After deliberations, Cllr Cook proposed to order the Stonehenge seat (width 2050) with fixing kit, seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent and agreed by all. It was <b>resolved</b> to place the order at a cost of £505.00. |

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| <p><b>R110/20</b></p> | <p><b>To receive</b> an update on progress made at Hunter Park play area.</p> <p>Cllr Lawton thanked Cllr Cook for helping the Caretaker to clean the play area, John Paine had also been helpful with loaning cables and hoses. Further work to take place on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, continuing with the clean up and rejuvenation of the fence. Cllr Lawton reminded the Committee to be mindful of labour costs incurred.</p> <p>The Clerk reported on the progress of the tenders; three contractors had visited the play area and two further expressed interest, no returns yet.</p>   |
| <p><b>R111/20</b></p> | <p><b>To receive</b> an update on hedge planting and fencing at Hunter Park.</p> <p>Cllr Pullen reported the hedge planting had been a great success and parents are looking forward to another project, it was a great day and good fun had by all. Cllrs Pullen and Corcoran have a meeting in April with the Headteacher to discuss future projects.</p> <p>Cllr Lawton thanked and congratulated Cllr Pullen and Cllr Corcoran for liaising with the school and requested a report be made on the Twyford website and Facebook page. Cllr Pullen agreed to do this and would be mindful of children's faces appearing online for data protection purposes.</p>   |
| <p><b>R112/20</b></p> | <p><b>To receive</b> the final masterplan of the Two Park Strategy from Tim Griffin.</p> <p>Masterplan received by email. Cllr Pullen requested full size plans and The Clerk said he would arrange to get them printed on A1.</p> <p>Cllr Bronk queried the MUGA on the plan and whether the work that was planned to take place would deviate from this aspect. Cllr. Pullen said his view was that the masterplan be used as a guide, to take ideas from the plan and that elements of the MUGA had been incorporated into the old basketball area. The Clerk noted that plans were approved before they went to tender by FPC as well as Recreation Committee. It would be noted on the next FPC agenda to not go ahead with the MUGA.</p> <p>Cllr Pullen spoke to parents whilst planting the hedges and all were very positive about the upcoming improvements including the location of basketball and older children's play area.</p>  |
| <p><b>R113/20</b></p> | <p><b>It was Resolved</b> to update the maintenance list to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The supply of an auto shut off tap on the outside of the Pavilion, quote received of £205.34 including VAT<br/>It was agreed for this work to take place but with a sign to indicate the tap is for dogs only.</li> <li>• The creation of a base for the rubber matting recycled from Northfields to the outside gym area of Hunter Park.<br/>The surface would be cut, fresh soil put in with grass seed to grow through the rubber matting. Cllr. Cook to lead on this item.</li> <li>• The repair/replacement of the base of the 4 corners of the Pavilion.<br/>Paint colour has been obtained from previous painter.</li> <li>• Due to the popularity of the sandpit and after great consideration, it was <b>Resolved to order</b> sand, at an approximate cost of £100, as soon as possible to top up the existing sandpit, and to re-use the sand in the new sandpit. Proposed by Cllr Forder-Stent and seconded by Cllr Lawton</li> </ul> <p>It was also reported that Nick Ranger had requested signage for the containers as youths had been found climbing on top of them. It was agreed The Clerk would order signs.</p> |

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| <b>R114/20</b> | <p><b>To consider</b> the provision of two additional “dogs on lead” signs at either end of the main path through the allotment.</p> <p>The problem which has led to this request from David Lea is dog fouling. <b>It was Resolved</b> for the Clerk order signs requesting dogs on leads and to pick any dog faeces up.</p>  |
| <b>R115/20</b> | <p><b>To consider</b> Hunter Park hiring fees for 2021/22.</p> <p>Members received the draft schedule of that fees which would increase by 2%, with the introduction of new fees for Personal Trainers. It was noted that Hunter Park is very popular with Personal Trainers. The application for a licence and to introduce a fee for Personal Trainers was agreed in principle to commence in May, and should go to Full Parish Council for approval. It was felt that it would be difficult to prevent PT’s using Hunter Park, but the application of a license would ensure PT’s are insured. The subject of professional dog walkers also arose but would be discussed at FPC.</p> <p>It was <b>Resolved to</b> approve the Hunter Park hiring fees for 2021/22.</p>                                |
| <b>R116/20</b> | <p><b>To consider</b> Allotment fees for 2021/22.</p> <p>Allotment fees have remained the same since 2017 and it was recommended that there be a 1.3p increase per square meter from 0.207psm to 0.22psm. The Clerk informed the Committee that the income received from the allotment fees are less that expenditure for overheads such as administration, water bill (c£480 p.a.) and hedge cutting. It was <b>resolved</b> that fees would be increased, proposed by Cllr Sellers and seconded by Cllr Forder-Stent.</p> <p>Cllr Cook showed concern at the amount of people on the waiting list (currently 14, the next person on the list has been waiting since October 2018). All current tenants have been contacted and all have confirmed they are happy with their current plot and size.</p> |
|                | <p><b>Date of next meeting:</b> 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 8.30pm</p>  |