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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held at Arlebury Park on Wednesday 3rd November 2021 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Divall (Chair) (AS)	✓		
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (MB)		✓	
Cllr Cavell (SC)	✓		
Cllr Evans (SE)		✓	
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)		✓	
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Sprott (AS)		✓	
Cllr Weston	✓		
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)		✓	
Mr Scriven (ATFC)			✓
Mr Weston (ARFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R21/70 Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Cllrs Byrne, Evans, Gordon-Smith and Sprott and Mr Ramseyer and Ms Mott

RESOLVED: That apologies are accepted

R21/71 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R21/72 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None received

R21/73 Public participation

No members of public present

R21/74 Minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 6th October 2021

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 6 October 2021 be approved

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/75 Sports Club updates

Alresford Rugby Football Club

The 1st team have won their last four games and are currently third in the league. The Rugby Minis continue to train and play matches on a Sunday morning. The Rugby Club are aware of the 'double header' on the weekend of 4th November and the impact this might have on the car park. They will work with the Football Club to ensure the parking situation is managed responsibly. Currently obtaining quotes to clad the container near the entrance to Arlebury Park.

R21/76 Clerks Report

The report was noted.

R21/77 Chairs Update

On 9th November Taylor Wimpey are meeting with the Council to discuss revisions to the proposals for the land off Sun Lane, including the landscaping elements, along with the maintenance schedule.

Signs have been re-installed at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground following their removal, informing drivers not to park their vehicles opposite driveways on Rosebery Road.

Operations and Resources Committee have asked Winchester City Council about the possibility of putting double yellow lines around the car park at Arlebury Park.

The Hog Roast Van continues to visit Rosebery Road without a permit. The Council will report it to Hampshire County Council again.

The Council have received a complaint about the long grass edge at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

Alresford Rotary will be planting 4000 crocus bulbs as part of a campaign this Autumn. They have approached the Council about the possibility of planting in the Recreation Grounds. The Council are awaiting further details on specific locations.

R21/78 Committee Accounts

The Committee Accounts for September 2021 were reviewed.

R21/79 Tree planting as part of Queen's Green Canopy Jubilee projects

The Committee discussed planting up to 15 trees at Arlebury Park as part of the Queens Green Canopy project in Winter 2021/22.

Recommendation: To ask the Tree Working Group to consider planting options and make recommendations for the next Committee meeting in relation to location and species.

R21/80 Reforecast for 2021/22 and Budget for 2022/23

The Committee discussed increasing the Tree/ Hedge Management reforecast by £3000, to cover additional tree planting as part of the Queens's Green Canopy Jubilee project.

RESOLVED: To amend motion R21/65 to increase the reforecast for Tree/Hedge Management to £7500

Proposed: BJ	Second: MW
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RESOLVED: To approve the amended reforecast for 2021/22 and committee budget for 2022/23

Proposed: BJ	Second: MW
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R21/81 Outline agreement to Playground Contractor for Stratton Bates Recreation Ground playground (Ref 21/139)

It was agreed at Council (Ref 21/139) that up to £145,000 can be spent with the selected playground contractor, Eibe, for the redevelopment of the new playground at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

The Committee reviewed the revised itemised quote from Eibe sent following the joint meeting on 20th October 2021.

RESOLVED: To approve the revised equipment list from EIBE for the new playground at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, subject to removing one play board and the mountaineering ramp

Proposed: KD	Second: SC
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R21/82 Outdoor Gym at Arlebury Park

The Committee were advised that the consultation undertaken via social media and The Forum demonstrated the preference from the community for an outdoor gym in one location, rather than spread out around Arlebury Park.

The Committee reviewed three quotes from companies supplying outdoor gym equipment. The quotes differed in the number and types of equipment.

Recommendation: To approach the three outdoor gym companies and request like for like quotes

R21/83 Slope repairs at Sun Hill Recreation Ground

The Committee considered two different options provided by contractors for repairing the slope above the playground at Sun Hill Recreation Ground, one using rock rolls and Geoweb soil stabilisation system, and one using gabions.

Recommendation: To ask the contractor suggesting rock roll and Geoweb to provide more detailed information on this method

R21/84 Landowner lease plan from Tichborne Estate and preliminary allotment site layout plan

The Committee reviewed the landowner lease plan and the preliminary allotment site layout plan.

Recommendation: For the number of parking spaces to be reduced in the site layout plan

To investigate whether there is a spring at the new allotment site by undertaking some initial brush clearance work

To ask Alresford Heritage whether there might be a pill box and/or anti-tank bollards at the allotment site

To approach the owner of the watercress farm opposite the allotment site, with regard the possibility of renting some land for parking

R21/85 Response to NATTA in relation to ball net in Arlebury Park

The Committee reviewed the suggestion from NATTA that Vision Housing would contribute to a ball net behind the goal post at Arlebury Park, adjacent to the new housing, on the understanding that the ball net is in front of the hedge in Arlebury Park on Council land.

The Council discussed that this would make hedge maintenance difficult.

Recommendation: To clarify with NATTA what the gradient of the slope would be behind the hedge and suggest that they install a fence on the housing side of the hedge to limit anti-social behaviour and reduce the number of balls being kicked into the housing area.

R21/86 Date for December meeting

The Committee discussed Thursday 2nd December as a potential date for the next meeting. The Clerk will circulate this date to all members as a possibility.

The meeting ended at 21:00

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TBC