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Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held electronically via Zoom, on Wednesday 7 October 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Name	Present	Apologies	Absent
Cllr Sprott (Chair) (AS)	✓		
Cllr Byrne (Vice Chair) (MB)	✓		
Cllr Bean (AB)	✓		
Cllr Cavell (SJC)	✓		
Cllr Gordon-Smith (RGS)	✓		
Cllr Jeffs (BJ)	✓		
Cllr Jones (JJ)	✓		
Cllr Weston (MW)	✓		
Ms Mott (Tennis)		✓	
Mr Ramseyer (ATYFC)	✓		
Mr Scriven (ATFC)	✓		
Mr Weston (ARFC)	✓		

ALSO PRESENT: Sarah Johnson – Deputy Clerk

3 Members of the public present

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

R20/034 Approve apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Ms Mott

RESOLVED: That the apology from Ms Mott is accepted

R20/035 Dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.

None received

R20/036 Declarations of disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Councillor Weston disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in Item R20/040

R20/037 Public participation

Two members of public representing New Leaf community group spoke of an initiative whereby towns become pesticide free. They will send information through to the Deputy Clerk to circulate.

A member of public spoke of his concern about inappropriate tree species on the boundary of Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and Rosebery Road, and suggested alternative planting. The Deputy Clerk will arrange a site visit with the member of public.

R20/038 Approve minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting held on 8 July 2020

RESOLVED: That the minutes and recommendations of the Recreation and Environment meeting held on 8 July be approved

Proposed: MB	Second: MW
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R20/039 Sports Club updates

Tennis Club - Noted

Alresford Town Football Club - Noted

Alresford Town Youth Football Club

- 276 members including 67 girls. 43 adults volunteering, including first female coach
- Newly acquired pitch at Sun Hill School
- Good relationship developing with ATFC, including half term coaching sessions for the Youth teams

Alresford Rugby Football Club

- 100 rugby minis, 80 males, a female team and 35 non playing members
- Lack of training facilities a threat to the Club
- Communicating with Perin's school about opportunities

R20/040 Request from ARFC in relation to temporary floodlights

The Clerk confirmed that Planning Permission is not required for temporary floodlights. If temporary floodlights are used on the lower pitch, permission from the landowner is required. The upper pitch is owned by NATC. For both the upper and lower pitch, an addendum to the lease between NATC and ARFC maybe be required, differentiating between temporary and permanent floodlights. The Clerk suggested an Environmental Impact Assessment may be suitable. The Committee were invited to look at the temporary floodlights by ARFC one evening.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That subject to an inspection of the temporary floodlights, NATC allow temporary floodlights to be used on the upper pitch for up to 4 hours a week until the end of the Season.

Proposed: BJ	Second: AB
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RESOLVED: To invite the landowner of the lower pitch to see the temporary floodlights

Proposed: MB	Second: BJ
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R20/041 Clerks Report

Noted

R20/042 Impact of bench on properties neighbouring Stratton Bates Recreation Ground and antisocial behaviour

The Council Chair advised that a complaint had been received about antisocial behaviour by the new bench at Stratton Bates Recreation Ground, that was installed to provide a rest place for residents of Makin's Court. The Council Chair also advised of a complaint about antisocial behaviour in the corner of Makin's Court and Ashburton Road.

RESOLVED: To plant spiky plants such as blackthorn in the space created behind the new bench, and in the corner by Ashburton Road and Makin's Court and to relocate a dog waste bin into this corner.

Proposed: AS	Second: RGS
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R20/043 COMMITTEE INCOME AND EXPENDITUE FORECAST FOR 20/21 AND BUDGET FOR 21/22

The forecast and budget request were reviewed.

RECCOMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That new budget lines be included for 2021/22 for Outdoor Gym (£20,000) and New Allotment Site (£15,000)

Proposed: BJ	Second: RGS
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Councillor Cavell left the meeting at 20:42

R20/044 TREE SURVEY QUOTE

RESOLVED: To approve the quote from Hampshire County Council's arboriculturist department for a tree survey in the Council's four open spaces

Proposed: AS	Second: AB
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R20/045 TREE PLANTING PLAN FOR ARLEBURY PARK

RESOLVED: That the tree planting location plan be approved for Arlebury Park and a range of suitable species be planted Winter 20/21.

Proposed: RGS	Second: AS
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R20/046 PROPOSED NEW ALLOTMENT SITE

John Cattle was thanked by the Committee for his work to move forward a new allotment site.

RESOLVED: To investigate with Tichborne Estates the likelihood of leasing the additional site and subject to this, commissioning an ecological survey.

Proposed: AS	Second: MB
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Councillor Jones left the meeting at 21:27

R20/047 SPORTS LICENCES WORKING GROUP REPORT

RESOLVED: That the report of the working group report be approved and recommendations made to Full Council

Proposed: BJ	Second: MB
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R20/048 ANNUAL ROLLING REFURBISHMENT PROGAMME BE APPROVED FOR ARLEBURY PARK AND SUNHILL RECREATION GROUND

RESOLVED: That an annual rolling refurbishment programme for Arlebury Park and Sun Hill Recreation Ground is approved.

Proposed: AS	Second: MW
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R20/049 TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES STRATTON BATES RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK

The Chair of Council advised of residents concerns regarding antisocial driving behaviour at Stratton Bates car park.

RESOLVED: To investigate the possibility of a 'sleeping policeman' at the entrance to Stratton Bates Recreation Ground.

Proposed: MW	Second: AB
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The Meeting concluded at 21.57pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2020, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM VIA ZOOM