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Recreation Ground Committee Minutes 6th October 2022, at 7pm Sparkes Pavilion

Cllrs Present:

Chair S Guard (SG), K Williamson (KW), K Crittall (KC). Gary Pharo (GP)

In attendance J Scarff – Clerk & RFO

4 members of the public.

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. **The Chairman to welcome everyone to the meeting.**
The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** and reasons for absence
There were no apologies.
3. **Disclosure of Interests**
To receive any disclosure by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of the interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Revised Code of Members Conduct.

KC and SG declared an interest as members of the Carnival Committee.
4. **Public participation session re matters on the Agenda at the Chairman's discretion.**
5. **Exclusion of the Public**
To exclude the public for a particular agenda item the following resolution must be passed.
'Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.'
There was no requirement for this resolution.
6. **Minutes of previous meeting, 4th April 2022** to be agreed and signed as a true record.
SG proposed, KC seconded
Resolved that the minutes be agreed and signed as a true record of the meeting. All agreed.
7. **Matters for discussion**
 - a **To agree the terms of reference for the forthcoming year.**
Proposed SG Seconded GP

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Resolved that the terms of reference be adopted for the forthcoming year.

b To discuss a proposal for a storage container to be sited on the recreation ground and agree any actions required.

The idea to site a storage container on the recreation ground near the cricket nets for storage for village clubs and societies was presented. Village societies will work together and share equipment. With events being held on the recreation ground it is thought that it makes sense for it to be sited on the recreation ground. The clerk had written a list of considerations in a briefing note for cllrs. The proposal includes cladding the container and growing native climbers over it so that it 'disappears' into the land.

There would be no cost to the parish council other than submitting a planning application.

Under the terms of reference the decision needs to be referred to full council. All cllrs agreed that the committees recommendation is to recommend that the project is supported.

c To discuss the principle of The friends of Ninfield School using the recreation ground for events. Actual events to be presented when details are available.

Members of The friends of Ninfield School. Which is a registered charity would like to run a colour run on the recreation ground. The cllrs had some concerns about the paint on the cricket pitch. They agreed that the idea needed to be backed with a plan showing the details, including how the cricket pitch will be protected.

There was a request to use part of the recreation ground for the school summer fair. The date proposed clashed with the annual village fete. The 7th was proposed instead, this would be confirmed to the clerk.

d To discuss the Hire of Sparkes by different groups and agree any actions required.

The clerk explained that Sparkes is becoming a more popular venue to village clubs and societies.

Clubs and societies – these hire sessions are free – current users

Health and Well Being Group

History Society

Carnival (occasional)

Event groups eg the Jubilee team

Bonfire Society

Men's Sheds

The Walking Group

The Village Society

Horti.

Dark Skies group.

Sports Clubs

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Football – Pass and Move and Ninfield Football Club

Cricket – Pevensey Cricket Club, possibly Hellingly thirds coming back if they have enough players for a team.

Muddy Boots – Tues, Wed, Thurs morning and after school.

The clerk explained that having contacted Environmental Health they had confirmed that Muddy Boots would need to register with them as they are serving food. This will trigger an inspection and some recommendations for changes in sparkes. It was highly likely is that there will need to be separate handwashing facilities in the kitchen.

e To discuss a proposal for the cricket nets and agree any actions required.

SG explained that the Carnival Society had bought the cricket nets from Pevensey Cricket Club. The committee agreed that the nets could remain on the recreation ground

Proposed GP seconded KW

Resolved the cricket nets can remain on the recreation ground.

F To discuss the project to upgrade the children’s playground and agree any actions required.

There was a discussion about how this should be done. The Parish Council would like to work in conjunction with interested parties in the village. Currently there are not many volunteers.

To discuss the calendar and contacts and agree any actions required.

It was agreed to put the Kings Coronation in the diary and let users know that the recreation ground would not be available that weekend.

g To discuss repairs and maintenance of areas within the committees remit and agree any actions required. To discuss the project to upgrade the children’s playground and agree any actions required. To discuss the calendar and contacts and agree any actions required. To agree a date for the next meeting

To agree the date of the next meeting.

TBC