

PEVENSEY PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the RECREATION GROUND AND BEACH COMMITTEE held on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at St. Wilfrid's Hall, Pevensey Bay

Present: Councillors Mackinnon (Chairman), Lowton, Slater, Peasgood, Beck, Howard and Pursglove

Apologies: Cllr Withey

Minutes: The Minutes of the last meeting were duly signed

Election of Vice Chairman:

Only one applicant proposed Cllr Mackinnon, seconded Cllr Pursglove for Cllr Howard. Duly carried

Matters Arising:

- **Review of Play Equipment/ Grant Application**

Cllr Mackinnon attended a WDC sponsored seminar at which the Big Lottery explained the types of grants available. The Awards for all grant which provided new equipment in CR ground in 2017 has a limit of 10K, but there is another grant available which will allow for a more thorough review of each ground. After her return from her holiday she will start an application for the larger grant. Proposed by Cllr Beck, Seconded by Cllr Pursglove. All agreed

- **Land Usage of EA Site**

Cllr Mackinnon is waiting for response from the Environment Agency which will be after the 12th June. It is hoped that they will be prepared to lease the area for a sports ground an extra parking, which would be subject to separate grants.

- **Dog Mess on Beach/Doodoowatch**

WDC have provided us with 10 posters/signs to put around Pevensey Bay to advise dog walkers to pick up their dog mess. WDC will be putting up signs in Sea Road Car Park and lamp posts. Cllr Mackinnon asked where else would be suitable for the remaining posters to be put up. Additional posters can be distributed to beach front owners. It was suggested that signs would be up in the Kiosk, also to print smaller versions of the poster to put on car window screens at Sea Road Car Park, which councillors will distribute. It was also suggested by Cllr Beck to put posters in the Recreation grounds and camp sites. This will then be assessed by councillors of the effectiveness of this approach.

A scheme called Doodoowatch had previously been circulated to the Committee members. Cllr Mackinnon in response to a question from Cllr Howard indicated that there had been mixed messages from Councils involved in the scheme as to its effectiveness.

Cllr Lowton suggested that we should investigate the practicalities of a dog ban at summer season times. In response to this Cllr Peasgood ask how this would be

enforced, as this involved a very small amount of people compared to other areas such as Bexhill and Eastbourne. Cllr Peasgood felt that this was a strong action for a small problem. Cllr Slater agreed with Cllr Peasgood saying this was down to a small number of irresponsible dog owners. The issue of loose dogs on the beach particularly during the Summer months was also a concern and local residents had reported times when dogs had entered their gardens and houses.

Cllr Mackinnon asked the Clerk for a list of current sites of dog bins. This subject is to remain on the agenda to test results.

- **Fencing at the Beach**

In view of budget restrictions this has been removed from the agenda and will be revisited next year.

- **Pevensey Recreation Ground: Cllr Lowton**

There isn't anything to report on the actual ground but the promised repairs to the sports pavilion have not been made and further damage has been done. Cllr Lowton will take photos of the damaged areas and will send a report to the Clerk.

- **Sports Club: Cllr Lowton and Cllr Howard**

See above for report.

- **Anderida Park: Cllr Slater**

Cllr Slater advised that the park is well used and some dog mess posters could be put up. The Clerk asked if it was in need of a cut, to which Cllr Slater and Cllr Mackinnon were not sure that this needs doing at this time. Cllr Slater asked if the picnic bench has been moved to which The Clerk advised it had been moved two weeks ago. Further to this the park has now been cut and baled.

- **BMX Park/Half Pipe: Cllr Slater**

Nothing to report

- **Pevensey Recreation Ground: Cllr Mackinnon**

The Clerk advised that a week ago the fence has been repaired. PCDL had cleared the ground ready for the work, as part of their Community work.

- **Allotments: Cllr Withey**

In Cllr Withey's absence, Cllr Mackinnon advised that she thinks everyone is happy and they had a working party in May which was very successful. There is still an issue of flooding but the Environment Agency are looking to be able to dredge the adjacent waterway.

- **Sea Defences and Water Management: Cllr Peasgood and Cllr Mackinnon**

On 5th June Councils Mackinnon, Beaney, Hills and Beck attended a meeting with the Internal Drainage Board now known as the Pevensey and Cuckmere Water Management Board (PCWMB) and the EA. They provided a map which shows what in regards to water. The rivers maintained by the Environmental Agency, the main ditches and dykes by the PCWMB and the rest are the responsibility of the Private Land Owners.

The PCWMB has a small amount of money they can use to deal with areas of concern. They are prepared to put in a wind turbine from Wallis Haven to help water

flow to Dukelands. This negates the need for a survey by the EA, previously agreed by council.

It was suggested that it is really the farmer's responsibility to provide water for the cattle and to also repair the banks and verges as it's the cattle that are causing some damage.

The PCWMB hold four meetings a year which includes a representative from WDC, Farmers and interested people. Cllr Mackinnon would like a representative to attend these meeting. It was agreed that Cllr Mackinnon and Cllr Beck will attend the first meeting, but no formal representative has been appointment at this point. Cllr Beck also asked if we could get someone elected on to the PCWMB. Cllr Pursglove agrees this is a good idea due to the amount of water in the area. Cllr Pursglove asked if we could ask Wartling Parish Council to see if they similar issues. Cllr MacKinnon believes it may be WDC that represent them.

Cllr Beck expressed concerns of safety across regarding spikes of wood which are sticking out the sand near the Sandcastle above the high water. Cllr Slater advised these are historic fagots from the 1950s. It was suggested that The Clerk to speak with Ian Thomas to see if there is anything that can be done regarding safety. Cllr Mackinnon also advised that it was reported to her about sinking sand on the beach and Ian Thomas advised this should not be an issue and his response has been posted on the website and Facebook page.

- **Boat Berths: The Clerk**

The Clerk advised that the monies for the Boat Berths are trickling in.

Correspondence:

- No Correspondence