

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL**HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 26th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash

PRESENT Councillors: T Shepherd – Deputy Chairman
A Barton
G Cancilla
B Franklin
R Margrave
S McFadden
D Sage
J Short
R Sparkes
S Vaughan

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Herbert

H42/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Button, Mrs Falp. Apologies were accepted.

H43/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**H44/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2016 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

H45/17 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

23/16 Washbourne Playing Fields – Cllr Short proposed that we contact Gallagher’s to find out if it is possible to purchase some of the giant plastic ‘Lego’ blocks to deter encampments on Washbourne Playing Fields.

25/16 Whitnash Open Spaces – A quote has been received from Dave Herbert to trim back the canopies of the trees on Church and Plough Green. The Christmas lights need to be relocated to higher branches before this work can be carried out.

H35/16 Precept 2017 – 2018 – A quotation has been received from Dave Herbert to clean the War Memorial and this will be carried out in the new

financial year before Remembrance Day.

H33/16 Caretaker – Josie has agreed to help out with opening and closing of the Community Hall, but is unable to carry out the cleaning and moving of chairs and tables etc due to health issues.

H39/16 Whitnash Open Spaces - Dave Herbert will be asked to quote to paint the blue teen shelter at Acre Close.

H46/17 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 17th January 2017 was forwarded to all members.

Overspends are cover for caretaker; mowing the new contract was higher than the set budget; open spaces repairs and maintenance costs and unplanned cost to rotivate bund to plant new trees.

H47/17 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

Heating and gas service is due at the Community Hall in April 2017 and Rugby pitch licence is due for renewal in April 2017.

Hearing loop was serviced in January 2017.

H48/17 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Only had one applicant for the vacant Caretaker position and then decided not interested. The vacancy has been re-advertised and the closing date is 24th February 2017. Josie has agreed to stay on for a month and will carry out opening and closing the hall only, but is unable to clean or move equipment in the hall due to health issues.

Members proposed that an advert is placed in the spring 2017 edition of the Whitnash Tymes. It was suggested that keys be given to hall users, but this will present a problem as some hall users operate on a 'pay as you use' basis and payment needs to be collected from them. Safety issues also present a problem as the hall needs to be checked and secured before leaving. There will also be an impact on the insurance premium if this route is taken. It was also proposed that Committee Members operate a rota to open and close the hall for regular users. Members were asked to email the Clerk if they were willing to help. Cllr Cancilla said he may know someone who might be interested.

The Honours Board has not been updated as some of the names cannot be removed. Currently looking at an alternative way of doing this.

Dave has started work on the disabled ramp at the hall.

H59/17 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

New saplings have been planted on the bund.

Millennium Garden hedge has been cut back and this has opened up the area.

Currently sourcing quotations for new play equipment at Washbourne Playing

Fields.

Grass matting path will be placed near the Measured Mile track.
Cllr Shepherd thanked Dave Herbert for his help.

H60/17 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

H61/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 9th March 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED DATE