



## BRAMSHOTT & LIPHOOK PARISH COUNCIL

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**A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE TOOK PLACE AT 8PM  
IN THE HASKELL CENTRE, MIDHURST ROAD, LIPHOOK, ON MONDAY  
11 APRIL 2005**

### MINUTES

**PRESENT WERE:** Mr S Coyte (Chairman), Mr L Futchter, Mrs A C James, Mr A Jordan (Parish Councillors). Two members of the public were present.

#### **14/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

#### **15/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING – 7 FEBRUARY 2005**

**Resolution:** The minutes were agreed and signed as being a true record.

#### **16/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – 7 FEBRUARY 2005**

**08/05 Toilets - Recreation Ground.** Cllr Mrs A C James reported that she had yet to obtain the advice about the DDA requirements. It was confirmed that Mr A Bird was prepared, in principle, to take on the project, and The Chairman would be meeting with Mr Bird shortly.

#### **17/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman read out the declaration.

#### **18/05 REPORTS**

**Sports and Recreation Forum Meeting - 31 March 2005.** Cllr Futchter referred to the notes on the meeting which he summarised. He said that he had made some inquiries concerning the facilities used by the Table Tennis Club in the past, and said that venues such

as the Liphook Millennium Hall (LMH), the Church Centre and Bohunt or Conford Village Hall could be considered. Cllr Futchter said he did not know whether the Committee could help, and said that there was also a problem with storage of equipment. Possible locations, lighting, storage, the way ahead, and the need for the Table Tennis Club to discuss the matter with Mr Knight from Bohunt School were raised.

The Chairman referred to the Local Plan report which had just been published. He said the scheme being promoted on the Foley Manor land had been rejected. He felt that the best way ahead was for the Parish Council to take a lead in trying to negotiate land for pitches, independent of any development. Sites needed to be identified within the Parish and should then be discussed with land owners. A site of six hectares should be identified, rather than four hectares, to allow for further expansion in the future. Cllr Mrs A C James said that the inspector had recognised the need for sport pitches in the report, and a site needed to be earmarked in conjunction with EHDC, and if necessary land should be subject to a compulsory purchase order. The Chairman suggested that the matter should be carried forward to the next meeting, a tour of possible sites should be organised, and then landowners should be approached.

The Chairman referred to notes on the meeting he had received from Mr Rudgard, and said that the majority of points had already been covered. It was confirmed that questions about sport had been included in the Village Appraisal. The Chairman felt that more representative sports should have attended the Forum meeting.

## 19/05 ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS

**Mr Marr.** Is the Committee aware that a Rugby Club was forming, and had they approached the Parish Council about using the Recreation Ground, and were they aware of the need to protect the grass?

**The Chairman.** Yes. Have had a talk with the fledgling Rugby Club, and asked them to vary where they carry out their informal training, and to take care with the grass. They are not yet a Club.

**Mr Marr.** Are the Committee aware that I am willing to assist the Table Tennis Club, and that I have some idea and pointers on how to move things forward and that they could contact me?

**The Chairman.** Problems are a venue, storage, and sufficient lighting. **Cllr Futchter will provide contact details.** (The raising of funds, the use of the LMH in relation to sports, storage at the LMH and Bohunt, and lighting requirements were discussed further).

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**Mr Rudgard.** Are the Committee aware that football pitches at Longmoor could be used by the Football Club, and could the Parish Council look at other venues that could be used?

**The Chairman.** Liphook United Football Club knows the venues and is more than capable phoning the venues. The Parish Council are looking to find more venues within the Parish.

**Mr Rudgard.** What about using Highfield School land?

**The Chairman.** Will be included in the identification of sites?

**20/05 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2005**

The Chairman proposed that Liphook, Bramshott, Passfield, Conford and Griggs Green into the Best Kept Village Competition 2005. It was reported that there had been no prize money for the 2004 competition, only a contribution towards the presentation event. (After note: a single cheque for £300 had been received - £100 for the presentation event and £200 as prize money. £109 had been used for the presentation event, which left a residue of £191). A vote was taken.

**Decision:** It was agreed to enter Liphook, Bramshott, Passfield, Conford and Griggs Green into the Best Kept Village Competition 2005 at a cost not exceeding £40.

**Clerk**

**21/05 CIRCUS – VILLAGE GREEN**

The Committee considered a request by Showtime Amusements to hold a funfair on the Village Green from 22-24 July 2005 subject to a written agreement. (Set up Wednesday 20 July and departure on Monday 25 July). A vote was taken.

It was confirmed that the organisation had not used the Village Green before, and wished to hold the funfair to provide entertainment for young people in the school holidays. The use of the Village Green on a Sunday, the length of time the fair should be in place, the options for reducing the period in consideration of local residents, other bookings, and timings were discussed further.

**Decision:** Showtime Amusements could hold a funfair on the Village Green from 21-23 July with setup on 20 July and departure on 24 July, subject to written agreement.

**Clerk**

**22/05 EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC/PRESS**

**The Motion:** “This Council resolves to exclude members of the public and the press for Items 10-11 in order to discuss confidential matters and those classified as exempt under Section 100I and Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.”

The Chairman proposed the motion, seconded by Cllr Mrs A C James. A vote was taken.

**Resolution:** Agreed

**ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT**

**23/05 MATTERS ARISING FROM ITEMS CLASSIFIED AS EXEMPT – 7 FEBRUARY 2005**

**12/05 Matters Arising.** The Football Club had not yet responded to the Licence proposal.

**24/05 STAFF MATTERS – GROUND STAFF**

**Recommendations – Interview Panel.** The Chairman reported that interviews had taken place earlier that evening. The Chairman, as the Chair of the Interview Panel, recommended that Mr A Jones should be offered the position. The matter was discussed, including the salary offer. A vote was taken on the recommendation.

**Decisions:** Mr Jones was to be offered the position on the Ground Staff. **Clerk**

The Clerk was to write the appropriate letter to Mr Jones. **Clerk**

**Employment of Staff/Contracting Out.** The Chairman said that the figures showed that it remained cost effective to continue to employ ground staff rather than contracting out. The Chairman proposed that the Committee should recommend to the Parish Council that they continue to employ staff rather than contract out. The Chairman reminded members of the flexibility of having their own ground staff. The number of staff required, the contracting out of maintenance, equipment replacement, and maintenance costs were raised and discussed.

**Decisions:** It was recommended to the Parish Council that they should continue to to employ ground staff rather than contracting out the work. **Clerk**

**CONCLUSION -** This concluded the business of the meeting at 8.55 pm.

Confirmed at the meeting held on 12 Sep 2005

Signed .....

Chairman