

Minutes of the Great Horwood Parish Council Recreation Committee

Held on 4th March 2008 at 8 The Green, Great Horwood

Present: John Gilbey, Mike Hobday, Michael Brocklehurst, Steve Brigden,
John Nicholls(Chair), Liz Nicholls (minutes)

Apologies: Cathy Holland, Jeannie Marshall, David Bolton, Rod Moulding

It was noted that it is Rods birthday and we wished him well.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

Michael circulated 'Variation of the Appointment of a Management Committee for the G.H. & S. Rec. Trust' (attached) as his suggestions to solve the problems of running a committee of the Parish Council. Committees of the PC must be chaired by a P.Councillor, be summonsed by the Clerk and open to the public. This is a discussion document and will probably undergo changes before being agreed by our Committee and the Parish Council. Also for discussion are the responsibility for the 'old rec.' and the existing rec. known as the Cricket Field. A new title for our group will be found.

Michael will ask the Parish Council to agree an amount from the precept to fund grasscutting, insurance and maintenance. We need this as part of the WREN application.

Planning Permission

It appears that quite a few residents have supported the application. We should hear the result by 13th March.

There are horseshoe marks on the Rec. and Steve offered to print and laminate a sign stating 'No Horses'.

Landdrains

Liz had contacted Jonathon Leggett (our solicitor) who said there was a 'hedge and ditch rule' that landowners recognised, hence the stream would be ours. Cathy had met Chris Watts, who owns the neighbouring field, and he said the same. Michael B. will investigate further.

We have quotes for landdrains from:-

Agripower £10,380 + VAT, G. Smith £2,500 + VAT, AJS £12,500 + VAT

We are still waiting for Tuckwells to reply. John N. will ask his brother, who is a civil engineer, to look over the quotes and give an opinion, as none of the Committee feel qualified to make a decision.

Tree Planting

The chair congratulated the volunteers on the excellent job of tree planting and thanks to Pauline Brown for her help and advice. They have been put in along the new fence separating the Rec. from the Farm and Mike Sheldon has tree planted the other side.

A few trees are left over and will be added to and planted along the side of the Mill.

Michael B and Liz plan to plant them on Monday morning and John N will mark out.

Danny Young has supplied and fitted a plastic fence to protect the new plants.

Funding and Equipment

We hope to have 4 quotes from equipment suppliers before Easter but agreed there won't be time to complete the WREN application for April. WREN have a limit of £50,000 now, so we have to have some more phases to fully equipment the site. It was agreed to seek the views of families with different aged children when we receive the proposals from the suppliers.

Jeannie and Liz are to attend AVDC Funding Fair to seek further money on 11th Mar.

Grass-cutting

It has been suggested that one contractor could cut the grass for the Rec., Cricket Club and Football Club, but this was thought to be unmanageable.

Focus Article

We may know about planning permission in time for Focus. It was suggested we send some photos of volunteers tree-planting and, once again, ask people to take their dog mess home and to state 'no horses'.

There was some discussion about dog poo bins and the Clerk will be asked to supply us with notices that we can pin up.

Any Other Business

The gates offered to us by Matt Vincent are 2m 74 and a pedestrian size. Liz has asked Tuckwells to quote for installing posts.

Date of Next Meeting; Monday 31st March, 7.30 p.m.

Meeting ended at 9.45 p.m.