



BROADBRIDGE HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the **RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENT** meeting held on **Monday 9th March 2020** at **7.45pm** in **St John's Community Hall**

Present Were: Cllr Christine Knight (Chair)
Cllr Terry Oliver
Cllr David Milbank
Cllr Jeanne Coker

Assistant Clerk: Lucinda Edwards

Environmental Officer: John Pilkington

Members of the Public: Tony Eadie – Street Artist

Press: None

R001/20 ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies and reasons for absence were received from Cllr Edwards and Cllr McGowan.

Councillors **NOTED** and **APPROVED** the absences.

R002/20 DECLARATION OF INTEREST AND NOTIFICATION OF CHANGES

None declared.

R003/20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair welcomed Tony Eadie, Spray Can Artist and made a motion to move item 13.3 to the beginning of the agenda. Members **APPROVED** the motion.

R004/20 UNDERPASS MURAL PROJECT

Members were updated on the background of the project to create a painted mural on the underpass. Tony Eadie (TE) was invited to speak to members about the concept and ideas for delivery.

- Ideas for the concept were gathered from the Youth Club
- TE will put together a paper sketch – proposals include nature and the 4 seasons along the right hand side of the underpass and the animal kingdom, to include endangered species on the left. Members identified some local endangered species that could be included.
- The project would need to be risk assessed and approved by WSCC
- Members suggested that the Parish Council could purchase the paints

- TE advised that since gloss paint is used, vandalism is not likely
- The walls would need to be cleaned and painted white initially
- Members suggested a working party could undertake the preparation works
- JE is fully insured
- A total project cost of £4,000 was estimated

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to contact WSCC in relation to the potential project.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to look at funding opportunities.

It was **AGREED** to add an item to the April Parish Council meeting agenda to provide all members with a profile of JE's works.

R005/20 MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** by all present that the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on Monday the 16th December 2019 be accepted as a true and correct record of the meeting. Cllr Knight signed the minutes.

R006/20 CLERK UPDATE

The following updates were provided:

- The purchased dog bags have been received
- The Grasstex schedule was amended as agreed and has now been approved.
- Grasstex have been asked to attend to the Ducky play area surface
- The hanging baskets have been delivered to Barnsfold for planting.
- The SSE application has been submitted

R007/20 ENVIRONMENT OFFICER UPDATE

The following updates were provided:

- The benches at the Cricket club and Tennis club have been installed and are looking really good – pleased with the quality.
- The village entry sign by the Farthings Hill roundabout has now been reinstated
- The village entry sign along the Broadbridge Heath Road is due to be reinstated this week.
- The bus stops close to Mulberry Gardens are now in use again. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to follow up on the request for bins at these locations.
- The noise generated by the compressor at Lawson Hunt continues to pose a nuisance for residents.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to contact the Environmental Officer at Horsham District Council to ask for assistance in supporting the community. Members were in agreement that the compressor causes

noise pollution, impacting users of the play area and adult fitness equipment.

- The faulty gate at Charrington Way is considered a safety issue. It was **AGREED** for the EO to replace the gate at a maximum cost of £199, utilising maintenance funds.
- The Duck bins at the Ducky play area are still being forced open. EO to consider additional measures to stop this.
- It was suggested that signage or a life buoy may be required at the Ducky – It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to gather information for this.
- A working party to clear the trash screens at the Ducky is recommended once the water levels reduce.
- Field Place have been requested to look at the trash screen to ensure water flow
- It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to discuss reciprocal annual leave cover for the EO with neighbouring Parish Councils.

R008/20

THE TRIANGLE

Members were presented with 3 quotes for the landscaping of The Triangle.

Members **AGREED** to recommend to full council the design by Grasstex.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to put together a proposal for the funding of the project, to include potential sponsorship requests from local businesses.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to send the design details to WSCC for approval.

R009/20

THE DUCKY – ECOLOGICAL REPORT

Members were presented with an Ecological Report prepared by Bramley Associates in 2010. Bramley Associates have quoted £525 to carry out a similar, updated report.

Members suggested there may be other local organisations that may be able to complete a similar report, and carry out any future works to improve the pond area.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to research alternative options.

R010/20

CLEARANCE OF TRASH SCREENS AT THE DUCKY

It was **AGREED** for the EO to liaise with Cllr Oliver to arrange a mutually convenient date.

R011/20

PATHS AT THE DUCKY

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to request a quote for better quality sandbags and to enquire as to whether some meshing to hold them in

place would be an option.

R012/20 TENNIS CLUB PARKING

The request by the Tennis Club to utilise the area at the corner of the Cricket Club by Byfleets Lane was discussed by members. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to contact the Cricket Club and Tennis Club to suggest a combination lock on the barrier may offer a suitable solution for shared use of the Cricket Club car park.

R013/20 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk updated members on the progress of the Allotments at WHG. A plan has now been received but there is still no confirmed date for the adoption of the parcels of land. HDC are investigating the proposals with regards to the Bellway Allotments.

R014/20 GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN

It was **AGREED** to schedule a litter picking event for Saturday 4th April from 10am to 12pm, dependent on HDC equipment availability. It was **AGREED** to publicise the event on the Facebook page and website. Members suggested Easter Eggs are provided for everyone participating.

R015/20 DOG BAG DISPENSERS

It was **AGREED** to wait until occupation of the Parish Office before proceeding with further dog bag dispensers.

R016/20 DOG BIN ACCESSIBILITY

Members were advised that the dog bins at Charrington Way and The Common are not accessible when muddy. It was recommended that 3 dog bins are moved to position them closer to pathways. Members were presented with costings from one contractor.

It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to obtain additional quotes for the works. Members **AGREED** to delegate the decision to the Clerk.

R017/20 BUS SHELTER PLANTING

The Clerk confirmed that Bellway homes have fulfilled their obligations regarding planting at the new bus shelter. Members **AGREED** that it would be an ideal location for some lavender planting. It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to obtain quotes for the plants to bring to the next meeting.

R018/20 VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

- It was **AGREED** to recommend to full council the purchase and planting of 39 commemorative trees along the new shared footway on the downgraded bypass.
- It was **AGREED** for the Clerk to enquire about using CIL funds for this project.
- It was **AGREED** to recommend to full council a dedication event in November, potentially to include the unveiling of an etched

stone, and a community event at the Village Centre.

R019/20 It was **AGREED** to defer any works on the below projects until an Assistant Clerk has been hired.

- Telephone Box project
- Buddy Bench

R020/20 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Recreation and Environment Meeting Monday 15th June 2020.

The meeting closed at 22:10.