

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD AT 7.00pm ON THURSDAY 9 May 2019 AT BUCKHURST HILL LIBRARY, 165 QUEENS ROAD

030/18

PRESENT

Cllrs: Ms G Reynolds (Chairman)
Mrs J Forker-Clark
Mr B Nagpal
Mr S Neville
Mrs S Patel
Cllr Mr K Williamson

In attendance: Mrs E Petyt-Start (Clerk)

Also present: District Cllr A. Patel

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Mr N Wright

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from Councillors in any item on the agenda.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2019, previously circulated, were approved and the Chairman authorised to sign them.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public present

Cllr A. Patel informed the committee there were Community Grants available from the District Council for Community Events.

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CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk advised communication had been received regarding VE Day 75, which will take place over the weekend of 8th -10th May 2020. Parish Councils are being encouraged to host and facilitate events and activities.

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FINANCES

a) A report of the Committee's finances as at 31 March 2019 had been circulated, which was discussed and accepted.

b) The purchase of new chairs for the Roding Valley Hall was discussed. The Committee requested the Clerk to seek more options and reduce the purchase quantity number.

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WEBSITE PROVIDER

The Clerk advised Councillors the new website had been launched and was up to date.

The Clerk was requested to make the magazine PDF interactive and to investigate parish council emails for each councillor.

Cllr Neville arrived from District Council during this item.

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RECREATION AREAS

a) The annual inspection report had not yet been received

- b) The Clerk invited recommendations from Councillors for equipment replacement. The play house at Kings Place Playground was suggested for consideration along with the tractor at Roding Valley Recreation Ground. The Clerk was requested to gather quotes for potential replacement.

There was a general discussion on the responsibility and ownership of the recreation areas. The Clerk was requested to gather more information on this matter.

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OPEN SPACES

- a) The Clerk advised KJ Gardening Services had been appointed following a tender process
- b) Phase two refurbishment of Stacey Gardens is underway. The Clerk gave thanks to residents of the High Road for providing assistance with water supply for the new shrubs. Maintenance will continue through the summer and the next stage of planting will commence in the autumn.

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GENERAL AMENITIES

- a) There were no items to report on Bus Shelters and Benches. A concern was raised that the Notice board in Loughton Way requires updating and is often left out of date.

A general discussion was had regarding increasing the provision of planters. Cllr Forker-Clark agreed to progress the potential of hanging baskets at Lower Queens Road.

- b) Salt bins – a number of new locations were discussed.

Councillors agreed to the provision of up to an additional 15 bins.

The Clerk was requested to progress the installation of bins at nominated locations on both private land and Essex Highways.

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PARISH COUNCIL MAGAZINE

Councillors noted the summer magazine should be even more community based and utilise the Councillors photographs wherever possible.

The Clerk advised Councillors the next copy deadline is 14th June.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

- a) It was agreed to host a summer event in 2020 focussed around the VE Day 75 celebrations
- b) The Comedy Night has been booked for 11th October at Pelly House. The Clerk noted how helpful and positive BHSC have been in the initial organisation. It was agreed to provide food at the event and proceed to book comedians.
- c) An older people Fish and Chip Supper event was agreed for 22nd November at Roding Valley Hall
- d) A discussion was held regarding the challenges of Christmas on Queens Road 2019 with the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Library.

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ALLOTMENTS

- a) The Clerk was requested to make a final amendment to the Allotments Management Agreement and send to BHLGA for signing.
- b) The Committee agreed in principle, to the provision of water tanks at Hornbeam Road Allotments and Forest Edge Allotments.

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ITEMS OF CONCERN

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 9.38 pm.

Chairman

Date

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