BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.00pm on Thursday 2 July 2020 VIA ZOOM

017/20 PRESENT Cllrs: Mr N Wright (Chair)

Mrs J Forker-Clark (Vice Chair)

Mr J Barkham Mr S Neville Mr K Williamson Mrs S Patel

In attendance: Mrs E Petyt-Start (Clerk)

Press: Mr D Jackman

018/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs J. Share-Bernia, G. Reynolds and S. Watson

019/20 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

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

Cllrs Williamson and Patel joined the meeting during this item

020/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2020, previously circulated, were approved and the Vice Chair authorised to sign them.

021/20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no representations from members of the public

022/20 CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk advised EFDC would be delivering Play in the Park again this summer at Roding Valley Recreation Ground near to Hornbeam Road.

The playgrounds will be re-opening following a COVID 19 risk assessment and cleaning, disinfection and sanitising, however they would not be ready for 4th July. Government had announced playgrounds *may* re-open but because the restrictions imposed required actions to be implemented first these need to be completed.

023/20 COMMUNITY EVENTS

Councillors discussed the details of each of the events in the calendar.

It was agreed to 'push forward' events from the autumn to spring as it was anticipated group gatherings may not be possible by autumn. However if the current pandemic crisis improved the usual events and timings would be considered at the next meeting.

Members acknowledged that each event requires planning, bookings to be made and requires preparation time.

New events were suggested such as a cycling fundraiser and members were committed to an older people's event, comedy night and a Chairman's Charity quiz night in the spring.

A new event of Buckhurst Hill in Bloom was AGREED. It was suggested a request should be made to the Horticultural Society to assist with the event.

The Christmas events which did not require groups of people gathering may

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proceed, that is:

- Children's card competition
- Tree
- Queens Road illuminations
- Parcels

However, due to the current situation the event of 'Christmas on Queens Road' or similar was not anticipated to be organised and delivered safely at the current time. Perhaps a more streamlined event would be possible but members agree this will have to revisit a Christmas event at the next meeting.

A request for ideas for events to go into the next parish magazine.

024/20 <u>ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT</u>

After considerable negotiations and discussion between representatives of the committee, the Clerk and the BHLGCIC, the revised draft agreement was presented for approval.

The draft agreement was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED and the Clerk delegated to sign it.

025/20 BUCKHURST COURT BUS SHELTER

The Clerk advised she had not yet received a response for this new shelter request from TFL but she would continue to chase.

026/20 RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Items of concern raised were the Buckhurst Court Bus Shelter and the littering of the area with disposable masks and gloves
- b) Community events

Buckhurst Court Bus Shelter

Christmas Tree Light update

Illumination design decision

Brightening up Buckhurst Hill – ideas for green space improvements Making Buckhurst Hill more desirable

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 20.58PM.

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