

BUCKHURST HILL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE HELD AT 8.06pm on Thursday 3 December 2020 VIA ZOOM

045/20

PRESENT

Cllrs: Mr N Wright (Chair)
Mrs J Forker-Clark (Vice Chair)
Mr J Barkham
Mr S Neville
Mrs S Patel
Miss G Reynolds
Mrs J Share-Bernia
Miss S Watson
Mr K Williamson

In attendance: Mrs E Petyt-Start (Clerk)

Press: Mr D Jackman

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received

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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 24 September 2020, previously circulated, were approved and the Chair authorised to sign them.

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation

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CHAIRMAN'S AND CLERK'S COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk advised the committee that she was in communication with the Christmas Lights contractor and was disappointed again with the quality and quantity of the lights this year

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FINANCES

The financial position as at 31 October 2020, was noted.

The RFO had provided an update for the meeting which noted, the toddler slide for Kings Place and emergency playground surfaces repairs in both playground had now been complete, paid for through the EMR Playground. The Christmas Card competition and parcels are underway and salt bins full stocked. The Parish magazine has been delivered.

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CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

- a) Members considered the entries for the card competition. They were delighted to have received so many entries and felt it was wonderful and 'an immense joy' to see the talent and participation from all the schools in the parish
- b) A winner and two runners up were selected.
Members agreed the selection of a winner from each school and requested the Clerk to ensure certificates and thanks to be sent to the children.

(Members recorded a video of thanks at the end of the meeting)

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

It was noted that community events could not be planned and operated at the current time due to the ongoing pandemic and therefore to defer this item to the next meeting.

It was AGREED Cllr Forker Clark to develop the plan for a Buckhurst Hill in Bloom garden competition to be supported by this committee. The competition should be advertised in the next magazine.

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BIKEABILITY

Members UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to fund Bikeability courses at the Roding Valley Hall in Spring 2021, operated by EFDC.

The courses would be operated as:

- Level 1 & 2 12 children per session, three sessions at cost of £360
- Level 3 6 children per session, two sessions at the cost of £120
- Aimed at year 6 children
- Subsidised for each participant at £5 per head, therefore a maximum cost to the council to be £240.
- Advertised through social media and magazine

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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS DAY

- a) The committee UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to the support a social media campaign in 2021 **#Choosetochallenge**
- b) To work towards an event in 2022 when it is hoped the pandemic restrictions will have been removed. It was agreed Cllr Patel is delegated to lead on the social media campaign and event.

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ALLOTMENT RENTS AND CHARGES 2021/22

- a) The proposed rents and charges for 2021/22 from BHLGCIC were received in accordance with the management agreement
- b) Members were thankful to have received the proposed charges and had no further comments at this time

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ALLOTMENT EASY ACCESS ZONE PROJECT

The request for project funding of £4000, was UNANIMOUSLY AGREED to be expended from the Allotments budget.

Members would like to see the design of the scheme and furthermore be provided with an update about the scheme and its derived benefit to residents as it proceeds.

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SALT BINS

The adoption of the salt bin outside 146 Princes Road was AGREED.

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RECREATION AND COMMUNITY ITEMS

- a) Items of concern noted were
 - i) Christmas Lights
 - Christmas Tree Supplier

There being no further business the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 21.25PM.

Chairman

Date