



**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT & RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT 7.30PM TO CONCLUDE NO LATER THAN 7.45PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Dodge, Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Hanmer, Cllr Varley & Cllr Thompson and Cllr Geens

**IN ATTENDANCE:** - Sharon Baxter (Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer) plus 5 members of the public

1. Appointment of Chairman - Cllr Frazer-Cann was appointed as Chairman.
2. Apologies: None
3. Declarations of Interest
  1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
  2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.
  3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - None.

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes
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4. Minutes: The minutes of The Environment Committee meeting of 24.01.18 and of The Recreation Committee meeting of 06.11.17, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
5. The ROSPA Play Safety Inspection 2018 was discussed. There were no great concerns Cllr Frazer-Cann to address the minor issues raised.
6. The Arboriculture Survey and Tree Condition and Hazard Assessment was discussed. A Working Party was formed to include Cllr Frazer-Cann, Cllr Thompson and Cllr Dodge who will prioritise recommendations from the report to help devise an action plan. Clerk to ensure all Working Party members have a copy of this report.
7. A parishioner has been successfully awarded from the Woodland Trust under the 'Queens Commonwealth Canopy' five saplings (a mix of hazel, rowan and silver birch) and is seeking to donate them due to having little room in her garden and also living in a conservation area. Would the Parish Council be interested? They will arrive from 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018. It was suggested that perhaps Commons & Hams Committee would be interested as part of the 'Pollinators Project' . The offer is also available to the Church or the School who may be interested.
8. Update Rocky interpretation panel – The panels are currently with the joiners to have the artwork secured onto the boards and should be ready in the next few days to install at the entrances to the Rocky. This was a requisite of the Final Stage of the Leader Project.
9. To be tasked with finding a suitable location for BMX activity  
Cllr Varley had been advised by the youth that they also use Seaborne Leisure to carry out recreation activities. He will investigate further to establish the location.  
Another option is to purchase land a strip of land located by the ford, between the path and the bund from the Church Lands Trust for a nominal fee. However, complaints have been received from residents from Squires Walk for this suggestion.  
A meeting is to take place with the Vicar Mark Badger to discuss further.

**Action**

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10. Any Other Business.

Cllr Varley is in the process of obtaining quotes for two pieces of new play equipment to include a slide and a climbing frame.

Cllrs Hanmer, Michael and Geens are hoping to arrange a meeting with the Vicar to proceed with the Youth Hut project, which will also help to determine the proposed car park extension layout.

A meeting is to take place at the Youth Centre at 9.30am tomorrow.

Cllr Frazer-Cann reported damage to the ball stop fencing that occurred last weekend. He has Carried out some remedial repairs. Two branches from a tree have been damaged in this process. Zain Shariff has agreed to look into.

Meeting Closed 7.40 pm  
Sharon Baxter  
Clerk

Signed ..... Chairman..... Date

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

*Standing orders were adjourned for Public Question Time*

Parishioner's comments/questions

How much land for BMX facility is required?

Currently an area 50m x 20m is being used.

There is the facility in byelaw 12 to mark off an area for recreation purposes. As the BMX facility is socially very desirable it may be worth making enquiries with MHDC.

Is there not a byelaw that states digging on the common is not allowed?

*Standing Orders were reimposed*