



Horndean Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE GROUNDS MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 16TH September 2024

PRESENT: Cllr J Lay, Cllr D Prosser, Cllr A Redding (Vice Chairman),

Cllr A Redding Chaired the meeting

IN ATTENDANCE : Carla Baverstock-Jones (Chief Officer), Matt Madill (Grounds Manager), Susan Blake (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC : 6 members of the public present

Meeting opened 7pm

G 17/24/25 : To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr R Smith and Cllr S Freeman
Cllr B Sowden – No apologies received

G 18/24/25 : Declaration of interest – No declaration of interest

G 19/24/25 : To open the meeting to members of the public.

Meeting was opened to the Public by Cllr A Redding 7.05pm

6 Members of the Public in attendance

G 20/24/25 : To receive and approve the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on Monday 24 June 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Grounds Committee meeting held on June 24th 2024 be signed as a true record of the meeting
Cllr A Redding signed.

G 21/24/25 : To receive an update in respect of the completed projects/significant works undertaken by the Countryside Team.

A verbal update was given by the Grounds Manager.

- Volunteers and Countryside team completed Step replacement project at Catherington Lith
- Continuation of strimming and mowing
- Play area fencing improvements
- New accessible Radar gate fitted at Jubilee Park
- New bench fitted at Catherington Down – bench made by a Volunteer
- Sleepers have been removed off Hazleton Common
- Tree down across Catherington Lane – removed and cleared

To record – grateful thanks of the Council to all the volunteers for the invaluable work that they have undertaken on our behalf.

G 22/24/25 : To receive and consider a resrequest from Horndean Football Club, in respect of an extension to the land currently leased to include a spectator's terrace.

Horndean Football Club verbally outlined their request to use a 2m strip of Five Heads Recreation Ground to extend their Football Ground

The Chief Officer mentioned that the land is subject to restrictive covenants which can be seen on the Land Registry documentation.

Chief Officer will contact the Land Registry for advice.

The Chief Officer raised the issue of planning permission which may be required given the intended building to facilitate spectators.

Horndean Football Club would need to seek advice from EHDC.

G 23/24/25 : To receive and consider a request from Horndean Football Club, in respect of sharing the pitch at Jubilee Recreation Ground.

Horndean Football Club verbally outlined they need/require more training pitches and the possibility of sharing pitches with Horndean Hawkes.

Hawks Football Club explained they will soon be using the pitches at Five Heads Recreation Ground once the goals have been repaired.

The Grounds Committee advised that they have no objection to the 2 football clubs sharing pitches.

Cllr Redding asked for a proposal from both teams

6 Members of the Public left 7:40pm

G 24/24/25 : To receive and consider the way forward in respect of the delay in the works to be undertaken by SSEN on Hazleton Common.

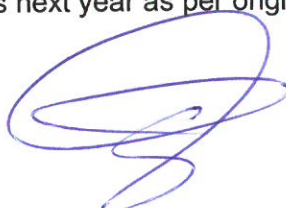
Revised document in respect of the scheduled future work was presented.

Members raised their concerns as noted that the works are to be undertaken between April and October, particularly given this is contrary to the agreed Access Document (V5), which states as follows:

Main works need to be undertaken outside of the reptile/amphibian breeding season (April/May) and before birth periods (late July and August) which leaves available window of June to early July.

To this end Members stated that access to Hazleton Common is only agreed on the same terms and conditions as stated above, and permission is not granted outside of this timeframe.

SSEN to reduce window of works next year as per original agreement.



G 25/24/25 : To receive a verbal updates regarding the following agenda items from the meeting held on 24th June 2024:

- Engagement of the Farming and Wildlife Advisor – Grants
The Woodland Management Plan – Grants
Options: £1500 Grant available for completing a Woodland Management Plan
Consult with required bodies to complete applications
Survey the non-woodland habitats to help decide on future options
- Catherington Pond – maintenance
1 quote received - £1500 + mileage
Additional quotes to be sourced
- Catherington Down Lease
The Grounds Committee agreed in principle to continue with the lease

G 26/24/25 : To receive an update in respect of the Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network.

Horndean Green Trail and Heritage Network meeting took place on 5th August 15 attendees
3 Funding Bids have been submitted – outcome of bids due in October.
Next meeting planned November/December

G 27/24/25 : To receive a report and consider the way forward in respect of gym equipment at Five Heads Recreation Ground.

A brief discussion took place
Grounds Manager to source quotes for removal or replacement of the gym equipment
To be brought back to next Ground Committee Meeting 25th November 2024.

G 28/24/25 : To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken at Catherington Lith due to Ash Dieback disease.

Does East Hants require a Planning Application for each TPO?
Forestry Commission is happy in principle for the work to go ahead
The Grounds Manager to obtain more quotes

G 29/24/25 : To receive and consider the quotations in respect of the tree works to be undertaken as specified within the annual safety inspection report

Grounds Manager gave a verbal update

- Tree Safety Report has been completed
- Many issues raised – Safety work

4 quotes were circulated.

The Grounds Committee **RECOMMENDED** quote 1 to be taken to the next Council meeting
(7th October 2024)

G 30/24/25 : To resolve to exclude the public and the press, in the view that publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business or arising out of the business about to be transacted. (Public Bodies (Admissions to meetings) Act 1960).

Meeting closed to the Public 8.20pm

Signed

Date

25/11/2024