

HELLEDON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Playing Fields, Amenities & Allotments Committee held on
Tuesday 15th August 2017 at 7pm in Diamond Jubilee Lodge, Hellesdon

PRESENT

Mr D King - Chairman

Mrs D Attenborough

Mr D Jones-Blackett

Mr J Knowles

Mr M Knight (Minutes)

Mr K Sage (Grounds)

IN ATTENDANCE

22 members of the public.

Cllr. Shelagh Gurney

Cllr. Richard Grady

1. Absence and Apologies for absence

Cllr Franklin – Apologies received and accepted

Cllr Sear – Apologies received and accepted

2. Declarations of Interests and Dispensations

None declared.

Dispensations. None Received

3. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 30th May 2017

Resolved: To accept the minutes as a true record.

4. Public Participation

There was nothing for this meeting not covered by the proceeding agenda item.

5. Discussion with Parish Councillors and members of the public in attendance surrounding the implications of the recent takeover of Mountfield Park by Hellesdon Parish Council.

Much discussion took place regarding this matter. Cllr. King gave brief background information on the previous and current ownership of the park, making it clear that this forum was an information gathering exercise which would inform any future

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developments on the site. Unfortunately any such developments would not be immediate due to budgetary and resourcing constraints.

In general the public felt that the park should be left more or less alone with only superficial additions such as park benches and picnic tables and more amenities such as litter and dog bins. It was not felt that any new play equipment was needed. The 'wild' nature of the park was considered a good feature for many of the users and it was felt that this should be left along as much as possible, although several people had concerns over maintenance.

Cllr. King revealed plans for sponsorship by local businesses which would provide signs indicating on a seasonal basis what park users could expect to see in various areas. The manager for the local B&Q has also been contacted to attend a future Parish Council meeting. Work is also underway to study the area for alterations with regards becoming fully DDA compliant.

There were several complaints and concerns raised over boundaries and responsibilities for maintaining trees and bushes. Cllr. King stated that the Parish Council were still working with their solicitors and Broadland District Council regarding historical and legal aspects to this. Attention was also drawn to the limitations which the Parish Council has in terms of manpower and funds.

The meeting was adjourned for a break at 8.40pm, resuming at 8.55pm – Cllr. Attenborough left the meeting at this point.

6. General Matters

6.1 – It was **RESOLVED** to change the allotment rules as follows:

Rule 3.5 – This will be changed to 'at the discretion of the council'.

Rule 5.5 – This will be reworded to include the post to the pathway as well as the main gate.

Rule 6.2 – Height will be added to the limitations on structures on plots with a maximum height being 6ft 6 inches. All heights will also be converted to metric too.

6.2 – it was **RESOLVED** to increase the annual price to £49 for a full plot and £24.50 for a half plot.

6.3 – The request from Firside Athletic Youth FC was denied but it was **RESOLVED** to house both the Firside Athletic Youth FC goal posts and the Hellesdon FC dug outs in the secure car park outside the Groundsman's shed. It was further **RESOLVED** to have a blanket policy of no storage of any equipment whatsoever on the Hellesdon Recreation Ground.

6.4 – It was **RESOLVED** to rent plots 74 and 75 to Hellesdon High School free of charge.

6.5 – There was much discussion concerning the report with concerns being raised over the recent Health and Safety report and the age and condition of certain essential pieces of equipment and personal protection equipment. It was agreed that urgent action had to be taken to rectify the situation and it was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Council Administrator to replace the condemned pieces of equipment immediately with a budget of £5,000 to be taken from the HEL2 fund. Also to use a budget of £2,000 to immediately replace or upgrade essential personal protective equipment. The Council Administrator to have authority to purchase equipment up to and including £500 with any items over this amount or the £5,000 budget to be discussed immediately with Cllr. King as Chair of the committee.

7. Exchange of information

Nothing for this meeting.

8. Date, time and venue of next meeting

As agreed the next meeting would be held in
The Council Chamber, Diamond Jubilee Lodge on Tuesday 17th August 2016 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.57pm.