Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 29th July 2013, 8.00pm School House

In attendance: Cllrs Mary Evans (Acting Chairman); Doug Cracknell; Jackie Howe, Charmian Marsh

Attendees: Brenda Hambrook (Parish Clerk & RFO); Mike Richards (OAA); Kay Drake (OSA)

1. Apologies received from: Cllr Knight; Brian Thomas
2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 03.06.13: The minutes were approved
3. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: The application for Hale Lane to be considered for the QE2 Open Fields is not going ahead.

4. Allotments:
   4.1: Tenancy agreement: Work on this had now been completed and the committee’s recommendation is that it is approved at the next meeting of OPC, so it can be implemented at the beginning of the new Allotment year. OPC to vote
   4.2: Plot tenancy: In the absence of the Parish Agent the figures were not available.
   4.3: In the absence of the Parish Agent a provisional agreement was reached. ME to contact Parish Agent to discuss full details and report to next OPC meeting.
   4.4: MR reported continued concern over the trees overhanging plots in Mill Meadow. BH to contact BT re ongoing situation with the land ownership and trees and also to discuss with the Environment Agency the rights over the River Darent

5. High Street Recreation Ground
   5.1: BT to remove the metal 5 a side posts. Also to look at the Acacia trees next to Park Lane and advise on the future management. BH
   5.2: Nil to report from Football Club.
   5.3: Play area will be closed during the resurfacing of the car park, for maintenance. A work party is needed to paint equipment on Monday 12th August.
   5.4: Cricket Club have been asked to ask their contractor to remove grass clippings when treating the square.
   5.5: Tennis Club lease: DC advised that he was still waiting to hear from Kent LTA re lease length required for grant applications. Ongoing
   5.6: Petanque Club awaiting grant application from Fete committee to carry out paving work around the terroire.
   5.7: Dog fouling has improved. Another flag day had been held in June.

6. OSA KD reported from the OSA meeting on 24.7.13. The Clerk is to contact OUFC re insurance for mowing the football pitches.
   An item will be put in the Newsletter to confirm that the sports clubs maintain their pitches
   The football clubs will be making a presentation re the requirement for fencing around the main pitch
   It was noted that the football club were not happy on H&S grounds for the football pitch to be used by Sevenoaks Archery club. BH to contact the club to ascertain their requirements, to see if they could be accommodated elsewhere if H&S and insurance are compliant.

7 Chalk Pit BH reported that the PC Chairman had had a sight meeting with the new SDC Property Officer. The matter is now with SDC.

8 Hale Lane Recreation Ground Nil to report

9. Youth Activities
   9.1: All is in hand for the Family Fun Day to be held on Thursday 15th August in the morning at Hale Lane.
   9.2: The CXK – CATS service had not been taking place and the matter is now being reviewed by SDC.

Date of next meeting: Monday 23rd September 8.00pm School House

Remaining meeting for 2013: Monday 25th November ME 30.7.13