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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WINDLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL’S CIVIC AMENITIES AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber

Bagshot Cllrs		Lightwater Cllrs		Windlesham Cllrs	
White	P	Hartshorn	P	Hansen-Hjul	P
Trentham	P	Jennings-Evans	P		
Manley	A	Halovsky-Yu	P		
Kay	A	Galliford	-		

In the Chair: Cllr Halovsky-Yu

In attendance: Sarah Walker – Clerk to the Council
Cllr Willgoss

P - present A – apologies PA – part of meeting - no information

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CAR/19/25 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted for Cllrs Manley and Kay. Cllr Galliford was noted absent without apologies.

CAR/19/26 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made.

CAR/19/27 Public question time

No public present.

CAR/19/28 Exclusion of the press and public

Agreed that the following items be dealt with after the public, including the press, have been excluded under S1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:

- CAR/19/32 Cemetery memorials
- CAR/19/33 Use of Lightwater Recreation ground

CAR/19/29 To discuss old playground equipment

The Clerk reminded Members that Kings Lane playground in Windlesham was refurbished with all new play equipment in July 2019. One of the old pieces of play equipment removed was the elephant springer.

“Nellie” was retained as we were advised by the company installing the new playground, that these types of vintage springers can be quite valuable. The Clerk advised Members there have been several enquiries both at the time of her removal and since, as to what has happened to her.

Members were therefore asked to decide what they would like to happen to Nellie.

It was resolved that Nellie be sold to an appropriate bidder and any funds raised would be retained for use in the maintenance of or replacement of play equipment in play areas in Windlesham.

CAR/19/30

Christmas 2020

Several requests from Councillors had been made to look at what the Parish Council could do further for the villages in terms of Christmas lights. Currently, WPC provides the Christmas tree and lights for each village and other organisations in the villages provide other lights/decorations. The Clerk reminded Members that as part of a Visioning workshop held in February 2017, one of the items listed was to look at Christmas lights across the 3 villages. Initial enquiries were made about lights for lampposts (50 across the 3 villages) and a ball-park cost of £25,000 was given for the first year (purchase of lights, all lampposts required to have timing/electric mechanisms installed etc), with an on-going yearly cost of approximately £150 per lamppost. It was agreed at the time not to pursue this due to the costs involved.

The Clerk had researched some alternatives and found solar powered mini Christmas trees that can be hired. These come in two formats – for lamp post installation or hanging trees, which can utilise hanging basket brackets that are already in situ.

The easiest option would be the hanging trees, which would fit on the existing brackets. We have 50 hanging baskets across the villages and based on the costs provided, the total cost would be around £4,100 + VAT.

It was resolved that the Clerk would conduct further research into alternatives, but any new lights should be solar powered and a budget of up to £5k was agreed in the first instance.

CAR/19/31

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