

Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 24th March 2009 from 9:15 pm to 9:20 pm

Present: Councillors:

Mrs Jane Keel (Chairman)
Mrs Sophia Harrison (Vice-Chairman)

Jonathan Ash-Edwards
Mrs Margaret Baker
Mrs Irene Balls
Mrs Eileen Balsdon
Stephen Barnett
Andrew Barrett-Miles*
Richard Bates
John Belsey*
Mrs Liz Bennett*
Andrew Brock
Mrs Heidi Brunsdon*
Clive Chapman*
Jack Callaghan
Patrick Cutler
Ian Dixon*
Mrs Kathleen Dumbovic
Mrs Gina Field*

Bernard Gillbard
Mrs Jean Glynn
Brian Hall
Mrs Dorothy Hatswell*
Mrs Susan Hatton
Paddy Henry
Mrs Janice Henwood
Christopher Hersey
Mrs Margaret Hersey
Chris Jerrey
Mrs Anne Jones
Jim Joyce-Nelson*
Mrs Susanna Kemp
Edward King*
Graham Knight*
Mrs Jacqui Landriani
Andrew Lea

Mike Livesey
Andrew MacNaughton
Gordon Marples*
Gary Marsh
Peter Martin
Edward Matthews
Mrs Pru Moore
Ian Pearce*
Peter Reed
Mrs Heather Ross
Mrs Susan Seward
Christopher Snowling
Mrs Mandy Thomas-Atkin
Julian Thorpe
Garry Wall
Mike Watts*

*Absent

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

17. BEECH HURST GARDENS CHARITABLE TRUST, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX - PROPOSED WORKS TO THE GARDENS AND CESSATION OF PITCH AND PUTT FACILITY AND REQUEST TO THE COUNCIL TO USE OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT POWERS TO REGULATE USE OF THE CAR PARK AT BEECH HURST

The Charity Trustees received a report regarding Beech Hurst Gardens, Haywards Heath, introduced by the Solicitor to the Council.

Members asked questions on the report. A Member asked that drainage could be looked at because there now seemed to be winter flooding problems. A Member raised with reference to parking enforcement the need for consultation and a proper study to be carried out. There was a risk that unauthorised parking would spill out onto nearby residential roads.

RESOLVED

That:-

- 1) The contents of the report be noted; and
- 2) The changes to the facilities proposed in the report be approved;
- 3) The Solicitor to the Council be authorised to obtain independent valuation advice; comply with the requirements of the Charities Acts and the Local Government Act as detailed in the Advice to the Charity Trustees set out in part 4 of the report, and a to report back to the Charity Trustees with regard to the leasing additional parts of Beech Hurst for the purposes outlined in this report;
- 4) The Head of Leisure and Sustainability be authorised to seek expressions of interest for the operation of the mini-golf concession and/or operation of the tennis courts identified in this report and report back to the Charity Trustees;
- 5) The Head of Leisure and Sustainability be authorised to apply for a premises licence and to dedicate part of the park edged in red on the plan in Appendix 3 of the report as a performance area for theatre and music; and
- 6) The Head of Leisure and Sustainability be requested to include Beech Hurst Gardens car park in its review of off-street parking in Haywards Heath and the Head of Leisure and Sustainability be authorised to implement a scheme of disc parking at Beech Hurst Gardens with appropriate penalties for overstay to prevent commuters from exploiting the free parking at Beech Hurst Gardens through the inclusion of Beech Hurst Gardens car park in the District Council's Off-street Parking Places Order on a nil cost basis with any profits over and above the costs of providing the service arising from parking fees being paid to the Charity.

Chairman.