

Minutes of a Meeting of Mid Sussex District Council Charity Trustees held on 16 December 2015 from 6.45 pm to 6.55 pm.

Present:

Councillor Peter Reed (Chairman)
Councillor Bruce Forbes (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors

John Allen*	Sandy Ellis	Norman Mockford
Jonathan Ash-Edwards	Steven Hansford	Pru Moore
Andrew Barrett-Miles*	Ginny Heard	Howard Muddin
Edward Belsey	Chris Hersey	Kirsty Page
John Belsey	Margaret Hersey	Geoff Rawlinson
Margaret Belsey	Colin Holden	Robert Salisbury*
Liz Bennett*	Anne Jones MBE	Linda Stockwell
Anne Boutrup*	Chris King	Dick Sweatman
Pete Bradbury	Jim Knight	Mandy Thomas-Atkin*
Heidi Brunsdon*	Jacqui Landriani	Colin Trumble
Kevin Burke*	Andrew Lea*	Neville Walker
Cherry Catharine*	Anthea Lea	Garry Wall
Richard Cherry	Andrew MacNaughton	Anthony Watts Williams
Rod Clarke	Bob Mainstone	Norman Webster
Phillip Coote	Gordon Marples	John Wilkinson
Ruth de Mierre	Gary Marsh	Peter Wyan
Tony Dorey	Peter Martin	
David Dorking	Edward Matthews	

*Absent

7. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

9. URGENT BUSINESS

None.

10. JOHN PEARS RECREATION GROUND CHARITABLE TRUST, ASHURST WOOD, WEST SUSSEX – PROPOSED LEASE DISPOSAL

The Solicitor to the Council introduced the report and drew Members' attention to the recommendations on page 12. He advised that the first line of the recommendations should be amended to read "The Charity Trustees are recommended to, subject to planning permission being granted."

Councillor John Belsey welcomed the report and said that the proposal had attracted a lot of attention in the community. He advised that the Parish Council had done a lot of work in raising £16,000 to fund this project and that following a public consultation they had received favourable responses from 15 people and that 35 people had signed a petition in favour of the project.

He addressed the concerns raised by those objecting to the proposal following the consultation and drew Members attention to Appendix 2 of the report and advised that this was a versatile facility which could be adapted for a number of games including tennis and can be used for young and old alike. He went on to say that the proposed facility will only account for 3% of the space in the park as a whole, with ample parking facilities and it would be fitted with sound proofing boards. He therefore moved Members to the recommendations. This was seconded by the Leader of the Council who applauded the Parish Council for its work in raising the funding for this project and bringing an innovative scheme forward for the Charity Trustees to consider.

Another Member commented that the concerns raised by objectors would be thoroughly considered when the planning application comes to a planning committee.

As there were no further comments, the Chairman took Members to the amended recommendations which were agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED

That the Charity Trustees are recommended to, subject to planning permission being granted:

- (1) Note and consider the responses to the statutory advertisements placed in the East Grinstead Courier on 19th and 26th August 2015 giving notice of the Charity Trustees intention to grant a lease to the Parish Council at Appendix 3;
- (2) If, in the light of the objections and representations considered under recommendation 11.1 above, the Charity Trustees are satisfied that the proposed location for the street snooker facility is an appropriate location for such facilities in East Grinstead and can further the objects of the Charity, note and consider the proposal set out in paragraph 2.3 of this report and the Independent Surveyor's report at Appendix 4; and
- (3) If, having considered this report and the Independent Surveyor's Report at Appendix 4 the Charity Trustees consider that it is in the best interests of the Charity to procure the provision of the street snooker facility at the Park and it is in the best interest of the Charity to grant the proposed lease to the Parish Council, then subject to the Parish Council agreeing to pay the Charity's legal and other costs including the costs incurred in compliance with the Charity Trustees' statutory obligations, authorise the Charity Trustees' Solicitor to grant the lease on the terms set out in this report and the Independent Surveyor's Report and on such other terms as the Charity Trustees' solicitor recommends or considers appropriate.

Chairman.