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**MINUTES OF THE
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM AT PULBOROUGH SPORTS PAVILION
ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2024**

PRESENT: Cllrs Lee (Chair), Marcuson (Vice Chair), Clarke, Court, Curd, Ellis-Brown, Esdaile and Hunt

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Beverly Nobbs (Deputy Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7. 30pm.

36. APOLOGIES FOR THE ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and reasons approved for Cllr Martin (Personal Commitment) & Cllr Campbell (Personal Commitment)

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & CHANGES TO REGISTER OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest or changes to the Register of Interests made.

38. MINUTES

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree and approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th September 2024 as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and the Chair signed them.

39. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no public speakers present and therefore the Chair moved on to the next agenda item.

40. SMART GATE FOR MUGA

Members received a quote obtained from CIA Fire & Security for a smart entry access gate system with associated application for the gate found at the MUGA on recommendation from the Clerk.

Members needed clarification over how the device works and how it is linked to the internet. They also wanted to understand more on the five-year rolling contract. Cllr Lee would find out and report back to this committee. Members discussed getting further quotes.

Members **RESOLVED** for the Deputy Clerk to obtain two further quotes for a smart access system.

41. FIREWORKS AT ST MARY'S SCHOOL

Members **NOTED** St Mary's School have arranged their firework display for 25th October 2024 on Cousins Way, they will be using dampened fireworks which will reduce noise by 30-40%.

A member inquired whether the Deputy Clerk could find out the noise levels from Arora and relay results back to the committee when the information is available.

42. NUTBOURNE COMMON BRAMBLES

Cllr Marcusson reported that she has been in touch with the SDNPA regarding the brambles, they are very kindly arranging some volunteers to help clear the brambles from the heather.

They have suggested pulling the brambles out on a regular basis. The best option is to stay on top of them. Members discussed the use of vinegar mentioned in the previous meeting, advice need to be sought from the SDNPA when they visit the site.

Members **NOTED** the report given by Cllr Marcusson

43. BIODIVERSITY APPRENTICE UPDATE

Members received a report from the Deputy Clerk on the progress of our new Biodiversity Apprentice.

Evie has quickly made an impact in her first two weeks as our Biodiversity Officer, focusing on some of the more challenging open spaces in the Parish. She has made significant progress by clearing long overgrown pathways and watercourses in Pocket Park. Her enthusiasm for the role shines through, driven by a deep passion for biodiversity.

A dedicated naturalist, Evie is an active member of a wilderness group with a particular fondness for moths, butterflies and other natural pollinators. Her hobbies include practicing taxidermy and breeding moths, she brings a wealth of knowledge from her studies in environmental science and is eager to introduce new ideas to enhance our local wildlife habitats.

Currently, Evie is busy creating bug traps to explore and monitor the diverse wildlife we are fortunate to have in our area. Her enthusiasm has already resonated with the community and her introduction on social media became the most viewed post in the history of Pulborough Village group.

Members **NOTED** the report given by the Deputy Clerk.

44. PAYMENTS

Members **RESOLVED** approval of the Payments List, which was duly signed by two, authorising members, comprising the following payments:

Lakers Builders Merchants	£187.57
Travis Perkins	£88.33
Pulborough Social Centre	£204.00
WSALC Limited	£1,987.95
Cllr Trembling Expenses	£15.80

Meeting Closed at 7.57pm

.....**CHAIRMAN**

.....**DATE**