

## Minutes

### Rackheath Parish Parks and Leisure Committee Meeting

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm

The Pavilion, Green Lane West, Rackheath, NR13 6LT

*Anne Tandy*

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**Present:** Tracy Buckley (Chair), Brian Gardner, Chris Yates, Joel Whymark, Paula Lowe,

**Also in Attendance:** Anne Tandy, Parish Clerk and RFO

**Public Attendance:** 2

45. There were no apologies for absence.

46. There were no declarations of interest or dispensations for items on the agenda.

47. The meeting was adjourned for public participation:

Representatives from Pathfinders gave a presentation regarding the boundaries of Newman woods along the side adjacent to the NDR. This adjacent land is currently owned by Woodlands.co.uk and a sliver of land which was originally part of site 6 has migrated due to boundary creep and this is now in dispute. BDC could take this to a tribunal but it would be costly for all parties involved and it would be a cheaper option to purchase the land than make a legal challenge.

48. The Minutes of the Parks and Leisure Committee meeting held on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021** were **approved** as an accurate record and approved by the Committee.

**49. Newman Road Woods**

Legal documentation was presented for approval by the Committee to progress the land transfer to the parish. Following the information heard from the Pathfinders the Council are concerned about approving this documentation until the boundary issues have been resolved. The owners of the strip of land in question, have placed a value of £5,000 on the land and funds are available to make the purchase. However, Committee **all agreed** that no further progress can be made with the adoption or the land purchase until the boundary issue has been resolved. Committee asked for a meeting with BDC to be arranged, on site, to discuss matters.

**50. The Pavilion and Stracey Sports Park**

a. The Committee considered new information which has come to light regarding new 3g provision planned locally. Given the uncertainty this places around the viability of the 3g

provision in Rackheath at the present time and the loss of regular income received for the MPSA currently, concern was expressed about going ahead with this project until a clearer picture of need can be ascertained. The Council have identified other projects which could be confidently commenced and agreed to revisit the MPSA refurbishment in the future. It was agreed not to proceed with the tendering exercise but instead to begin planning for gym and play equipment at both Stracey Playing Field and Jubilee Park. **All agreed.**

b. A report from the Booking Assistant was noted. A potential booking on a Tuesday evening which would impact on the Council meetings was considered. It was decided that if the booking was confirmed the Council could hold meetings in an alternative venue in order to be accommodating.

c. No Pavilion maintenance or work was required.

#### **51. Fireworks**

A final financial report was presented to include an additional £493.00 (+VAT) from the gate takings. Final profit was reported as £6,325.90.

#### **52. HRH The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

a. Some discussion took place about suitable events to mark the occasion but Committee felt they would like to hear ideas from the community as to what they would like to do. Brian offered to action a post on Facebook to canvass opinion. A budget of £500.00 has been allocated to support any event.

b. It was agreed to accept a donation of an Oak Tree to be planted in commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee. Advice on location to be sought from the Tree Council.

Meeting concluded at: 20:00