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Minutes of the meeting of the **Grounds Committee** held at Hellingly Community Hub on

Wednesday 30th June 2021 at 7pm

**G088.06.21 to G0??.06.21**

**Present:** Councillors W Hesselgrave (Chairman), G Hesselgrave, A Jackets, F Lulham and D White.

**In attendance**: Jennifer Hoodless (Clerk), Tom Milne (Groundsman) and Paul Reynolds (Groundsman).

[There were no members of the public present]

**Apologies**: Cllrs S Davis, V Lee and M Harrington-James and from the sports clubs, Neil Hollebon (Hellingly Cycle Speedway), Rob Wilkinson (Hailsham Cricket Club), Steve Wennington (Hellingly Sports Club) and Luke Boorer (Hellingly HoundDogs American Football).

**G.088.06.21** Declarations of Interest NONE

**G.089.06.21** The minutes from the Grounds Committee Meeting of **17th March 2021**

wereapproved and signed.

**G.090.06.21** Matters arising (not covered elsewhere on the Agenda).

 **G.055.03.19** The amount ofrabbit holes on the Cricket Pitch has

reduced, the groundsmen would continue to fill any holes that appear and

 keep the boundary hedges strimmed back.

 **G.084.03.21** The process to obtain the land behind the King’s Head

 (fairground land), is still ongoing, Cllr D White to report any progress at

 the next meeting.

 **G.084.03.21** The request for netting in front of the mini-tower beside the

 cricket pitch had now been installed.

 **G.085.03.21** Groundsmen training had now been booked, 4 days for 3

 groundsmen charge is £2,200 and would take place in July and August.

**G.091.06.21 Sports Clubs** – written reports were received and noted from Hellingly

HoundDogs, Hailsham Cricket Club, Hellingly Cricket Club and Hellingly

 Cycle Speedway. Hailsham Cricket expressed their huge thanks to

 Hellingly Parish Council for all their support.

**G.092.06.21** Cllr F Lulham asked if we had sufficient defibrillators within the Parish,

 the Clerk advised that Assistant Clerk, Tracy Dean is in discussions with

 the Sports Clubs, (as they had also requested the same information) and

 a training company to assess how many defibrillators are required.

 Assistant Clerk, Tracy Dean to present full council with the final report at

 the next council meeting.

**G.093.06.21** Cllr F Lulham asked why only one kids activity day taking place at Lower

 Horsebridge (LHB), the Clerk advised that there are a total of four kids

 activity days, three at the Community Hub because the facilities are more

 suited and one at LHB as a trial to see if it would work at that location

 with less suitable facilities. Also, the Freedom Leisure Active play

 sessions would take place separately to the kids activity days, on three

 other dates. All children’s activity days are taking place in August.

**G.094.06.21 Grounds Maintenance Updates:**

 **Lower Horsebridge** – Hellingly Cricket Club requested the outfield be

 cut lower, the Clerk advise that the current contractor does not have the

 equipment to go any lower, however, a new contractor had recently

 been appointed to cut the outfield at the Country Park as they have the

 correct equipment, had carried out a site visit at LHB and would be

 providing a quote. If the quote suitable, the current contractor would be

 relieved of their contractual duty and new contractor to be appointed.

 Cllr G Hesselgrave suggested that the new contractor should quote to

 do all the required work at LHB as this would make sense.

 Chairman, Cllr W Hesselgrave, reported many cars had been driving

 through the bowls club gate over the grassed area which is very wet

 from the recent weather and therefore, caused the ground to become

 very muddy and unsuitable. No action to be taken at the moment, to be

 reviewed.

 Cllr D White asked if the notice board at LHB had been moved back

 onto our land as not to pay licence fees to Highways, the Clerk advised

 that Highways had already processed our application. However, the

 Clerk would contact Highways to cancel the application and refund

 monies paid.

 **Lower Dicker** – nothing to report.

 **Country Park** – Tom and Paul gave updates, the path from the

 Bat house towards Yvonne’s gate needs topping up with compact

 gravel to allow mobility scooters to access more easily. The Clerk to

 order a ton bag of compact gravel.

 The wildflower area (in front of the flats) is to next be cut in September,

 then April and September each year.

 The Pavilion front right side of the roof is leaking, the Clerk to contact

 HD Builders (builders) or a contractor to repair.

 The alders in the bottom pond could not be removed recently due to the

 wet weather, as the machinery could not access the area, this will be

 reviewed and work done at a suitable time in September.

 Cllr G Hesselgrave requested an on site meeting with the current

 grounds contractor (SLS), to review work required in the winter. The

 Clerk to arrange.

 The loose stones on the bottom pond is to be reviewed in the autumn.

 **Community Hub** - The Clerk to contact Glendale (who carried out the

 Planting) to replace the dead plants.

 The remaining fencing to be taken down by both groundsmen and taken

 away for storage.

**G.095.06.21** Play Area repair costs previously obtained from Glendale, need to be

 put back out to tender as Glendale had advised they are no longer able

 to carry out the work. The Assistant Clerk had met on site with Eibe

 Play for them to provide a quote. Cllr D White requested we ask

 Hailsham Town Council and Horam, who they use to carry out repairs

 for alternative quotes. The MUGA (Basketball Court) netting has torn

 and is in need of repairs, quotes being obtained by the Assistant Clerk.

**G.096.06.21** The issue of speeding along The Drive was raised, the Clerk advised

 that she would contact the PCSO for the area to increase the Police

 presence to try and resolve this issue.

**G.097.06.21** All grass and hedge cutting complaints had been reported to East

 Sussex Highways.

Meeting Closed 8.05pm

The next Grounds Committee Meeting is on 6th October 2021 7pm.

Jennifer Hoodless

Parish Clerk 1st July 2021