

HOUGHTON REGIS TOWN COUNCIL
Environment & Leisure Committee
Minutes of the meeting held on
14th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: A Slough Chairman
J Carroll Substitute
E Cooper
Y Farrell
T McMahon
R Morgan
S Thorne

Officers: Clare Evans Town Clerk
Louise Senior Head of Democratic Services

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Also present: Councillor: D Jones

12390 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Burgess (Cllr Carroll substituted).

12391 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

12392 SPECIFIC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12393 MINUTES

To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2023.

Resolved: To confirm the minutes of the Environment & Leisure Committee meeting held on 13th February 2023 and for these to be signed by the Chairman.

12394 TITHE FARM RECREATION GROUND SPORTS PROJECT UPDATE

Members were advised of the uplift in costs for the project. Members discussed the remainder of the funds to be vired from EMR 322. It was advised that officers were exploring with other funders opportunities for any uplift in their funding.

Members were advised that the work would be starting imminently.

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- Resolved:**
1. To confirm that the additional funding required (£143,000) to support this project will be found using the 10% uplift in Football Foundation grant (£76,143) with the balance to be found from EMR 322 as required (pending confirmation of further external grant sources already applied for);
 2. To note that the decision making during the construction phase will be based on the following:
 - Variations to works within or less than the budget to be agreed by Clerk
 - Variations in excess of budget to be agreed by Environment & Leisure Committee
 - Internal finishes (wall coverings, flooring etc) to be agreed by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of Environment & Leisure Committee

12395 GROUNDS MACHINERY RENEWAL

Members were requested to approve the sale of the Ford transit (MK18WYJ). This was purchased 4 years ago, the resale value was approximately £19,000. The vehicle was unsuitable for council use as it was only a 2 wheel drive and ran the risk of getting stuck when used off road. Since purchase it had only been driven 7000 miles.

The suggested replacement vehicle was another Ford Ranger. These were 4 wheel drive and suitable for off road work year round. The estimated cost of purchase was £18,000 to £20,000.

Resolved: To approve the sale of the Ford transit (MK18WYJ) and the purchase of a Ford Ranger as a replacement up to the value of £20,000.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.12pm

Dated this 5th day of June 2023

Chairman

