

Lingfield Parish Council

MINUTES OF AN EXTRA MEETING OF LINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
HELD
ON TUESDAY 22nd JUNE 2010 AT 7.30PM IN THE LINGFIELD AND
DORMANSLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present:

Ron Palmer – in the chair
Mary Edwards
Graham Marks
Fran Palmer

In attendance:

Fay Elwood, Clerk to the Parish Council

1 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

1.1 Apologies for Absence

Lisa Bangs, Sonia Perkins and Valerie Millar.

1.2 Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial Interest

None.

2 TALBOT ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Tandridge District Council (TDC) is suggesting a valuation of £65,000 as the basis for further discussion on the subject of the transfer of the freehold of Talbot Road Recreation Ground to Lingfield Parish Council. They state that the valuation does not constitute an offer of sale, but it may be presumed that any sale price is unlikely to be for a smaller amount.

We have also been advised by Surrey County Association of Town and Parish Councils that TDC could transfer the ground to us for nothing under the terms of the *General Disposal Consent* provided that it continues to be used for recreation. However they advise that further investigation is needed in order to confirm whether this option is available to us.

The changes that are currently envisaged by the Sport and Recreation Committee are:-

- an enlarged and improved pavilion
- a car park facility on the existing hard court
- relocation of the playground facilities to the ground adjacent to the hard court
- a new all-weather training facility on the land vacated by the playground and adjoining land with floodlights
- drainage and other improvements to the football pitch

Given that the larger part of the land was bequeathed to the village in perpetuity, and that the Parish Council is willing to finance the improvement programme and take responsibility for managing the project from its own resources, it is not unreasonable to expect the lease to be granted at a peppercorn rent. Security of tenure is required before grant funding can be obtained

Members agreed that we should seek to obtain a long-term lease on Talbot Road Recreation Ground (preferably 99 years) on a peppercorn rent with agreement from TDC that we can carry out the improvement programme. There should also be a clause that allows us to terminate the lease if we have an opportunity to obtain the freehold in the future. **Members also agreed** to ask SCAPTC to investigate if the *General Disposal Consent* would enable us to obtain a free transfer of the ground at some date in the future.

Action: Clerk

3 TIME LIMITED PARKING IN THE HIGH STREET

As a result of a 200 signature petition organised by the Lingfield Chamber of Commerce, Lingfield Parish Council made a request to Surrey County Council to introduce time limited parking in the High Street. This matter will be considered by the Tandridge Local Area Committee in July. Officers have recommended that the parking bays outside the Tandoori Restaurant be excluded from these parking restrictions. It was felt that the omission of this area would undermine the effectiveness of the whole scheme as this is an area frequently used by shop staff for parking. **Members agreed** to submit a request that these bays be included in the time limited parking scheme.

Action: Clerk

Members felt strongly that parish councils should be formally consulted on matters that have a bearing on their areas of interest. **Members agreed** to request that parish councils are formally consulted on matters considered by the Local Area Committee that fall within their areas of interest.

Action: Clerk

4 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 27th July 2010.

Meeting closed at 8pm.