

**MEETING NOTES OF THE
RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL
SKATE RAMP WORKING GROUP
held on
Thursday 8th October 2020
6.00pm Via Zoom**

In attendance : Cllr Harper, Cllr Herbert, Cllr May - Chairman, Cllr Terry, Cllr Turner and Cllr Whitlock.

Co-opted Members: Marisa Hayes, Amy Prifti, Teresa Sutton, and Rachel Willats

Also in attendance : Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO and Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

Item No	Meeting notes
1.	WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
1.1	The Chairman welcomed the newly co-opted members to the Working Group and all provided a brief introduction to themselves.
2.	APOLOGIES –
2.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Kay retrospectively.
3.	TERMS OF REFERENCE – To agree and adopt the Terms of Reference presented
3.1	A proposal was made to recommend to the Greens and Amenities Committee to adopt the Terms of Reference presented. This was seconded and voted upon. All were in favour. Therefore, the Terms of Reference were to be recommended to the Greens and Amenities Committee for adoption.
4.	THE ROLE OF A CO-OPTED MEMBER
4.1	The Clerk clarified the role of the co-opted members and stated that they do not have voting rights but can make recommendations to the Greens and Amenities Committee.
5.	SKATE RAMP LOCATION – To investigate sites and establish Feasibility in accordance with previous advice
5.1	The Chairman apprised members of the current locations that had been considered but urged that the working group investigate any potential sites that may be favourable, such as private land, recreation areas and public spaces. He suggested

further advice be taken from Lewes District Council and relevant parties i.e. ROSPA regarding the criteria required to create the facility. The option of a smaller skate ramp was discussed which would be less costly and more sites would be suitable including the site of the old skate ramp on Anchor Field or a more ambitious project that would require a greater space and funding.

6. **SITE VISIT TO HORAM SKATE RAMP**

6.1 The Chairman requested that all members visit the Horam skate park. Other comparable skate parks worth visiting were Hassocks and Hurstpierpoint.

7. **TO AGREE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GREENS AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE FOR DECISION**

7.1 Items discussed included:

- definitions of skate ramp and skate park
- explanation of funding available
- a meeting with Hassocks Parish Council
- request for co-opted members to visit current sites
- create a shortlist of suitable locations and size
- obtain costs from other Parish Councils
- confirmation from Lewes District Council to the availability of Finger Post Field for siting the skate ramp
- Permanence of the structure
- The allocation of £5000 for technical support already approved

7.2 Members were in agreement that the option of two definite sites should be considered if possible. Establishing the site was primary although no recommendations for referral to the Greens and Amenities Committee were made apart from item 3. **ACTION** – The Clerk to arrange a meeting with Hassocks Parish Council. Cllr May, Cllr Harper and the Clerk to attend.

8. **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA**

8.1 No specific items were stated however the current format would continue. Continuing Covid restrictions had delayed any appointment of young people to the Working Group.

9. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

9.1 Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

10. **CLOSE OF THE MEETING**

10.1 The meeting closed at 6.45pm