

MINTES of the Recreation Ground Committee held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 11th June 2019 commencing at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Cole, Lowther and St Joseph

In the Chair: Cllr. Nixon

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

1. Chairman

Cllr Lowther nominated Cllr Nixon to be Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee. Cllr St Joseph seconded this nomination. Unanimously agreed. Cllr Nixon was **declared** to be Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

2. Vice-Chairman

Cllr St Joseph nominated Cllr Lowther to be Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee. Cllr Cole seconded this nomination. Unanimously agreed. Cllr O'Lowther was **declared** to be Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

3. Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies of absence, all Members were present.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

5. Public Forum

There were no members of the public present.

6. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on 19th February 2019 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. The Chairman signed the Minutes. Unanimously agreed.

7. Safety Inspection Report

The Annual Safety Inspection Report dated 11/04/2019 was received and noted.

The Chairman advised that he had gone through the Report and would carry out the minor repairs i.e. adjusting of the entrance gates, tightening items, changes bushes on the swings etc.

Action: Clerk to order the following items:

- New cradle seat for Toddler Swings
- Bushes for the Junior Swings
- Caps for the Cow Springer
- Foot pegs for the Chicken Springer
- Yellow and Blue Caps for Playship

The Roundabout was identified as a Moderate Risk.

Action: Cllr Nixon to remove the green skirt which was previously added to the Roundabout.

Action: Surfacing to be considered at item 8.

The Skate Park was also identified as a Moderate Risk.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for the repairs to be carried out.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for the skate ramps to be painted.

All other items on the Safety Inspection Report were identified as Low or Very Low Risk.

8. Other Matters

Play Equipment Upgrade Project

The Clerk reported that the Fundraising was going well for the Project. The Tesco Bag for Life Funding ends at the end of June and the minimum amount to be received will be £1,000. The Fun Run/Walk is being held on 14th July 2019 and the Open Gardens has agreed to give a donation to the Project.

As the Project was nearing its target, it was agreed to see the position as the end of July and ask the Parish Council at the August meeting if they would consider making up any shortfall.

The Clerk advised the quotation for the new equipment did not include the removal of the existing see-saw and surfacing.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for the removal of the equipment and surfacing.

Action: Clerk to ask Contractor if the see-saw needs to be removed to ground level or dug-out completely.

Surfacing

A quotation had been received from Caloo to remove the existing surfacing around the swings and roundabout and replace with rubber mulch surfacing.

Cllr Nixon suggested an alternative interlocking surfacing which may be cheaper.

Action: Quotations and other options will be considered once we know the financial position following completion of the Play Equipment Upgrade.

Sign

The Clerk reported at the last Meeting of the Parish Council a resident had requested a sign was installed at the entrance to the play area to say, "NO BICYCLES".

The Committee considered the request and agreed to proceed with the purchase of signs.

Action: Clerk to purchase 3 signs to be installed at each entry point.

Football Pitch Marking

Cllr Nixon confirmed that he had spoken with the Contractor who has agreed to look into using a new product for the line marking.

Football Teams

The Clerk reported she had been contacted by a Men's Football Team who would like to use the Recreation Ground for their matches which will be played on a Sunday. The Team are currently in discussions with the Football League.

The Committee had no issue with a new Men's Team using the Recreation Ground as it would have no impact on the existing teams.

The next meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee will be held on:
Tuesday 17th September 2019 – 6.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.17pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....