

MINTES of the Recreation Ground Committee held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 commencing at 6.30pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Lowther and Nixon

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Goody

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were apologies of absence from Cllrs Chambers and Symes.

As Cllr C Slodzik had resigned from the Parish Council, it was agreed to appoint a Vice-Chairman.

**Resolved:** to appoint Cllr Nixon as the Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Ground Committee.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest declared.

**3. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. Minutes**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 be approved as a true account of the proceedings of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**5. Play Equipment Upgrade**

The Parish Council had been successful with their application to the Essex County Council (ECC) Community Initiatives Fund (CIF) and were awarded £12,500 for the supply and installation of a fire engine unit and a new roundabout. The funds are to be used by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. The Chairman reported that the repairs to the existing roundabout had been successful and a new roundabout was, therefore, no longer required.

It was agreed that the Committee would look at an alternative piece of play equipment and make a request to the CIF to see if the funds could be used for different equipment.

The Committee agreed that they would prefer to remove the toddler slide and purchase something similar. In addition, safety surfacing was required around some of the play equipment, picnic tables and tables.

**Action:** Clerk to invite a Representative from Monster Play (Caloo) to attend a meeting.

The Clerk reported that she had been advised that Tollesfest would be giving £2,000 towards the play equipment upgrade project.

The Clerk advised there was another round of funding from the ECC CIF and applications needed to be submitted by the end of October 2018.

**Action:** to be considered at a Recreation Ground Committee meeting early October.

**6. Pavilion - Double Doors**

The Chairman reported that the double doors on the Pavilion needed replacing and 3 quotations had been obtained as follows:

Diamond Windows - £969 incl. VAT

First Choice - £990.83 excl. VAT

JJ Windows and Doors - £900 excl. VAT

**Action:** Chairman to arrange to visit the showrooms of the three companies.

**7. Other Matters**

The Clerk advised a request had been received from FitMix Fitness to use an area of the Recreation Ground for a Pop-Up Pilates Class on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 between 10.00am and 11.00pm to raise funds for a wheelchair for a young lady in the village. Members were supportive and the fundraiser and were happy for the Recreation Ground to be used.

**8. Next Meeting**

A meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee to be arranged early September.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.32pm.

Signed.....

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