

MINUTES of the Recreation Ground Committee held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020 held virtually via Zoom commencing at 6.30 pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs Chamber, Cole and St Joseph

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Lowther

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**1. Apologies for Absence**

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

**2. Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman declared an interest as follows:

- Personal interest in respect of agenda item 6, Tree Survey, as he has a personal relationship with one of the Contractors who had quoted for the work.

**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> July 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman would sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

**5. Skate Park**

The Committee discussed the options (repair or remove) for the Skate Park.

The Committee consulted the Village via a Facebook Poll and as at 6.00 pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2020, the vote was as follows:

159 in favour of repair

9 in favour of removal

Quotations (copies attached) were received as follows:

Repair

Ches Metalwork - £2,500

Gamart Engineering Ltd - £4,970

Remove

Gamart Engineering Ltd - £2,500 (verbal quotation)

After consideration, the Recreation Ground Committee would propose to the Full Council that the skate park is repaired and the quotation for £4,970 + VAT from Gamart Engineering is accepted.

Although this quotation at £4,970 was higher than Ches Metalwork, Gamart Engineering was the preferred Contractor based on the following:

- The previous repairs carried out to the quarter pipe by Gamart Engineering approximately 2 years ago had been a success.

- The quotation from Gamart Engineering is to re-plate all over the ramp (as per works carried out on the quarter pipe) and not just re-plating the holes.
- Gamart Engineering had carried out two onsite inspections whereas Ches Metalworks had only seen video footage of the ramps.

Funds from the Play Equipment Upgrade Earmarked Funds would cover the cost of the work.

A resident had suggested that the village are involved in painting/decorating the sides of the ramps.

**Action:** Cllr Chambers to look into further.

## 6. **Tree Survey**

The Committee considered the quotations for the tree works as recommended in the Tree Survey Report. Quotations were received as follows:

Priory Tree Services - £2,450  
 Bonz - £3,500  
 D W Maintenance – £3,650  
 Hill Farm Landscapes - £4,900

Following discussion, the Committee would propose to the Full Council that the quotation from D W Maintenance for £3,650 is accepted for the tree works.

## 7. **Annual Play Equipment Inspection**

Most items were identified as low or very with risk except for the Skate Park which was high.

As per item 5, a proposal to the Full Council would be made to have the repairs carried out to the Skate Park.

It was also noted that there was some minor issue with the zip-wire.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Caloo who installed the zip-wire in December 2019 to raise the concerns.

Other works required included, painting, tightening of equipment, removal of weeds/vegetation growth.

**Action:** Cllr Chambers to organise an action board and ask the Village if they would be willing to help with some of the items which required attention.

## 8. **Football**

The Clerk reported the adult 11-a-side pitch would be marked out on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August.

The junior pitches (11-a-side and 7-a-side) would be marked out by 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The Clerk advised the 3 men's teams had booked 9 friendly matches.

**9. Recreation Ground Litter Contract**

The Clerk reported that the Recreation Ground Litter Contract (this includes the sweeping of the bus shelter) was due for renewal.

The Committee discussed the Contract and suggested some minor amendments.

**Action:** Clerk to draft the Recreation Ground Section of the Contract and then circulate to the Committee for consideration.

**Action:** Proposed changes to the Contract to be considered by the Full Council at their meeting in September 2020.

**10. Other Matters**

Following the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee, a position to relocate the bench at the bottom of the Recreation Ground had been decided. The resident would pay the fees for the works required.

**11. Next Meeting**

Next meeting – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 – 6.30 pm – Virtual meeting via Zoom

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.

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