

MINUTES of the Recreation Ground Committee held on Monday 4th November 2020 held virtually via Zoom commencing at 6.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs Chamber and St Joseph

In the Chair: Cllr. Lowther

Clerk: Michelle Curtis

Also Present: 5 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from Cllr Cole.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

3. Public Forum

The members of the public were present to discuss the possibility of having a pump track (for bikes) at the Recreation Ground.

They reported that several parents were in favour of having a pump track and wanted to seek the advice of the Recreation Ground Committee on how to take it forward. The possible location would be in the bottom far corner near to the skate park.

The Chairman stated that, in principle, the Committee would support such a project and suggested that the group put together a proposal to be considered by the Committee. The Chairman advised the group to think about the location, size, public footpath, the existing football pitches and funding opportunities.

The Chairman suggested that, if possible, the group get their proposal together for consideration by the Recreation Ground Committee in the new year.

Action: Clerk to speak to Maldon District Council to see if a copy of the risk assessment for their pump track was available.

Action: Clerk to speak to Maldon District Council and the Grounds Maintenance Contractor to find out about maintaining pump tracks.

The residents left the meeting.

4. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee Meeting held on 7th September 2020 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman would sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

5. Update on Works

5.1 Annual Play Equipment Inspection

The repair works to the skate park had been completed.

Action: Cllr Chambers to arrange for the young offenders to paint the skate park.

It was agreed that all other maintenance would be carried out in the Spring.

5.2 Tree Works

The Contractor had submitted the planning application to Maldon District Council for tree works to be carried out. If the application is approved, then the works can commence as agreed.

6. Plans Projects 2021/22

The Committee considered the funds that would be required for the general running of the Recreation Ground in the next financial year.

As the total value of the assets for the Recreation Ground were approx. £322,000 (including buildings) it was agreed that a sum of £4,000 should be set aside in earmarked funds for any emergency works.

The recommendations would be put forward to the Finance Committee for consideration when setting the precept.

Earmarked Funds – Recreation Ground	£4,000
Contract (Grass cutting)	£8,355
General Maintenance	£2,200
Pitch	£500

7. Other Matters

The issues regarding anti-social behaviour had been discussed the previous evening at the Full Council meeting.

Football – It had been reported that the footballers had left the store shed untidy and were leaving litter after their matches. The Chairman had drafted a letter to the football teams which had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. Councillors were happy with the proposed letter. Councillors agreed to monitor the situation going forward and would consider a punitive increase in fees if things did not improve.

Action: Clerk to send the letter to the football teams.

Action: Clerk to obtain a quotation for an additional litter bin.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....