

**Present:** Cllrs Chambers and St Joseph

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Lowther

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**Also Present:** 1 Member of the Public (8.05 pm)

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Cole.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Lowther disclosed interests as follows:

- Personal interest in respect of agenda item 7.1, as he is the current Chairman of Tollesbury Juniors.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021 be approved as a true record of the Meeting. Unanimously agreed.

The Chairman would sign the Minutes as soon as possible.

**5. Play Area Fencing**

A resident joined the meeting (8.05 pm).

The letter from the resident was received and noted.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain a quotation to purchase additional signage reminding people to lock the gate to the fencing when they enter and leave. Once a quotation had been obtained, the Clerk to circulate it to the Committee so a proposal can be submitted to Full Council for consideration.

**Action:** Committee to look at alternative locking mechanisms for the gate.

The resident left the meeting (8.10 pm).

**6. Litter/Dog Bins**

The Clerk reported that some dog and litter bins need replacing as they are rusting.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain quotations for 2 x dog bins and 2 litter bins. Once quotations had been obtained, the Clerk to circulate to the Committee so a proposal can be submitted to Full Council for consideration.

The Clerk reported that the liner of the 'Froggo' bin also required replacing.

**Resolved:** to propose to Full Council to purchase a replacement liner from Glasdon for £41.88 plus VAT and delivery.

## 7 **Football**

### 7.1 **Funding Goal Posts**

It was reported that Tollesbury Juniors has been successful with their application to the FA for funding towards two new sets of portable goals. The total cost of the goals was £4,566, they had been awarded a grant for £2,520 leaving a shortfall of £2,046.

**Resolved:** to recommend to Full Council that a grant of £1,000 is awarded towards two sets of portable goals.

The Committee is very supportive of football in the village, particularly for the youth.

It was also noted that all pitches having portable goals, would save on future costs of moving goals sockets to accommodate the various football teams.

### 7.2 **Football Goal/Skate Park**

The letter from a resident expressing concern regarding the proximity of the football goal to the skate park was received and noted.

The Chairman advised that if portable goals were purchased by the football team, then the goals would only be up during matches which would resolve this issue.

**Action:** Chairman to prepare a reply to the resident.

### 7.3 **Kick Wall**

The Chairman reported that he had spoken with a builder regarding the building of a brick wall with a goal marked out on it. The purpose of proving a Kick Wall would be to stop the ball from being kicked against the Pavilion and Store Shed damaging guttering, tiles etc.

**Action:** Alternative options to be considered.

## 8. **Tree Planting**

Councillors considered the planting of new trees in the Recreation Ground.

**Action:** Cllr Lowther to look into further and obtain quotations.

## 9. **Entrance to the Recreation Ground**

It was noted that the entrance from St Johns Court was wide which would allow vehicular access to the Recreation Ground. It was suggested that a bollard was installed to prevent unauthorised access and fly-tipping.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Essex County Council and local landowner to see who is responsible for the area.

## 10. **Pavilion**

The Committee discussed ideas to improve the look of the Pavilion. This would be a long-term project including the following:

- Improvements to the meeting area
- Panelling on the walls
- External cladding
- New signage with the new branding

The Chairman reported that in the short-term, the guttering needs replacing as the existing guttering is broken due to footballs being kicked at it.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain a quotation for replacement aluminium guttering.

**11. Other Matters**

The Clerk reported that there was quite a bit of litter in the ditch by Skate Park.

**Action:** Cllr Chambers to contact the Youth Service, to ask them to clear the ditch.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.

Signed.....

Date:.....