

**Present:** Cllrs Hawes, Inwood, St Joseph  
Non-Council Member: Mr F Compton

**In the Chair:** Cllr Ferneyhough

**Clerk:** Michelle Curtis

**1. Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence. All members were present.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest disclosed.

**3. Public Forum**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. Minutes**

**Minutes of the Meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Resolved:** the minutes for the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 represented a true account of the proceedings of the meeting. Unanimously agreed by those who attended.

The Chairman signed the Minutes.

**5. Maintenance**

Skate Park – Repairs to be carried out by Gamart.

Painting of skate ramps – To be done once the repairs have been carried out by Gamart.

Painting of Youth Shelter – Working party arranged for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Wash down of equipment – Working party to be arranged in the Spring.

Kickwall Painting – The Committee agreed to have a goal on one section and a target on the other section. This work to be carried out in the Spring.

Trees – The large poplar tree has been felled. The smaller poplar tree will be felled soon.

Painting of some of the equipment – Still awaiting quotations. This work would be delayed until the Spring.

**Action:** Clerk to contact Contractors.

Zip wire seat and chain require replacement.

**Action:** Clerk to seek a replacement.

Various works are required to the Pavilion and Store Shed:  
 Replacement guttering and downpipe on the Pavlion.  
 Roof tiles missing on the Store Shed.  
 Pointing/Repairs to brickwork  
 Replacement windows x 2  
 The internal wall near the windows needs replastering and painting  
 Extractor fans in the changing rooms need upgrading.  
 Car park – 2 potholes  
**Action:** Committee and the Clerk to obtain quotations for the work

## 6. Earmarked Reserves

The Committee reviewed the Earmarked Reserved. The balance of the reserves is £9,352.13.

Projects  
 Repairs/Replacements - £8,500  
 Tree works - £660 – (£330 committed expenditure)

## 7. Precept 2024/25

The Committee considered the funds required for the Recreation Ground's general running in the next financial year.

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

The Committee agreed that they would like to replace a piece of play equipment (wooden platform climber) and start building funds over the next few years for such a project.

**Action:** Clerk to obtain quotation for the removal of the wooden platform climber.

Earmarked Funds – Recreation Ground	
Trees	£2,000
Fund for replacement equipment	£2,000
Contract (Grass cutting) - Contract currently out for tender	TBC
General Maintenance (including £1,000 for a tree survey)	£3,500
Pitch	£500

The Committee was keen to have the repair works to the Pavilion/Store Shed done as soon as possible. There is currently £8,500 available in the Earmarked Reserves but the Committee was unsure how much the costs for all the work would be and they may need to request additional funds in the 2024/25 budget for these works.

**Action:** Once the quotations for the work have been received, these will be circulated to the Committee to review and consider whether to ask the Finance Committee to set aside additional funds for the work.

## 8. Other Matters

Fred reported that the pitches had been seeded. It is hoped to have verti-draining (type of aeration carried out using specialist machinery) on the Recreation Ground in December but this will depend on the ground conditions. Further reseeding and fertilising are planned for the Spring.

The Committee agreed that fundraising would be required for the proposed play

equipment project.

**Action:** To be discussed at the next meeting of the Recreation Ground Committee.

**9. Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting of the Recreation Ground is to be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024. This meeting will be rescheduled.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25pm.

Signed.....

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