

**WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10 MARCH 2020 7.00pm  
AT THE HILL, 122 HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mrs Milroy, Messrs Bailey, Perry, Savage, Silsby and Tew - Miss D. Styles, Clerk.

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT**

None.

**APOLOGIES**

Messrs Mitchell and Green.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**FINANCES**

In February 2020 nett payments were made to EON for floodlight energy £9.68, Norse wheelie bin £64.60 and removal of tree over the brook at £130.00. The costs for relocation of the mains supply by Western Power at £821.00 nett was paid after the PC meeting in February. The insurance company have agreed the committee can submit invoices for demolition of the tractor shed after it was severely damaged by storm Ciara.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage completed inspections on the play equipment at St. Marys, London Road and adult gym equipment. Inspection sheets handed to the clerk. No maintenance necessary except for repainting some of the equipment at St. Marys play area. The clerk will investigate signs for no ball games and no dogs as residents have complained about fencing being broken by footballs and a lady walking her dog around the play area as well as tree branches causing interference on overhead telephone lines.

**POCKET PARK**

There are still issues with the evening locking of the park gates. Clerk will remind security.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

There was a minute's silence held after Mr Barry Robinson passed away during the week. One memorial bench is ready to be installed by the clubhouse subject to others being relocated.

There are a group of young men using the pitch on a Saturday morning about 8am. Concerns have been raised that they do not cause any damage to the Cricket Field. It would be helpful if they could move around over the football pitches so as to avoid damaging the pitches for the team matches and training. The SA will monitor this.

The tennis courts are being used quite often and this may be due to Bozeat courts being refurbished.

Cricket - Juniors have been netting and seniors have started. The new captain is putting the word out for new players.

There will be an overlap between the football season ending (due to the recent bad weather) and cricket starting.

Players will be asked to walk or car share, where they can, to the sports field to avoid lots of cars at the car park. The committee do not want a situation of lots of cars parked all the way up London Road, on grass verges and getting in the way of residents parking at their homes further up in the village.

Western Power will be on site on Thursday 02 April to relocate the cables for the power supply that was damaged in the tractor shed by storm Ciara. Mr Silsby and Mr Perry will liaise with their electrician and energy provider to organise relocation of the consumer unit and energy meter. Clerk will provide them with Western Power contact details.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

None, other than the Cherry tree for St. Marys play area once new trees are available to purchase from the provider.

**FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD**

Shovels full of dog excrement were removed from the pitches on Saturday and there has been an increase of excrement left on the field. Parents, visiting teams and the Sports Association are very concerned about this issue. Notices on the gates should reflect the sign in the car park that dogs must be kept on a lead and owners must pick up after their dogs. A suggestion was made dog walkers could keep to the perimeter of the field.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 14 April 2020 7pm at The Hill, Wollaston.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 07.55pm.

Chairman .....