

**WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL  
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 JANUARY 2020 7.00pm AT  
THE HILL, 122 HIGH STREET, WOLLASTON**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT**

None.

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Green and Mr Williams sent apologies.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10 December 2019 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

**FINANCES**

In December 2019 payments were made to EON for floodlight energy £32.56, Norse wheelie bin £51.68 for a 4 week period, Simon Norris maintenance – Pocket Park culvert clear £30, St. Mary's revarnish benches £139.50 and PF picnic bench & basketball backboard £203.24, cricket club grass cutting £500. The budget to December 2019 was approved and it was noted there is an overspend of £2,940.50 predominantly due to tree maintenance deemed 'High' and needed immediate remedy. Extra money has been put in next financial years budget to allow for tree maintenance. The fence repair and earth removal were approved at a cost of £300, clerk to organise.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage completed inspections despite the bad weather. No maintenance necessary although it was noted the cross trainer was squeaking, lubricant will be applied on joints. The clerk had sent a letter to residents at St. Mary's play area to ask whether residents were happy with a Silver Birch tree to replace the diseased Purple Plum payable by the Parish Council or whether residents were happy to pay for a Purple Plum as the Parish Council deemed it was not cost effective and not native to the UK, as previously advised. Cllr Tew will try to contact main resident concerned and try to ascertain general opinion for replacement tree.

**POCKET PARK**

There are not many volunteers to cut back vegetation, clerk to advertise in WASNAV for helpers. Mr Silsby will contact Scott Bader maintenance to ascertain whether grounds contractor can assist. The shrubs removed by SB after drain works still need replacing. Shrubs have been damaged on 2 beds. SB security had been emailed to remind to unlock and lock gates, otherwise committee to pull gates shut if they still remain open after dark.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

A request for a recycled plastic bench has been obtained and a plaque will be placed on the bench in memory of the resident who passed away. Fundraising has taken place and the bench commemoration and cheque presentation to MIND will take place simultaneously in February. Other benches will be purchased and have memorial plaques for 2 other residents who passed away. Sports – the first team has not lost since September and are in the semi-final of the Junior Cup and could play at Six Fields if they win. Reserves are struggling but do not lack passion. The Vets are getting games subject to the weather.

Cricket – Juniors started practice in the nets at Sharnbrook with an area for fielding. MK Prep school nets are being looked at after Wollaston School were unable to negotiate net practice. The Wollaston first team had been invited to forego relegation and stay in the Premier Division, but had decided to decline. This was mainly due to a new young captain coming forward and the team feeling that they needed to build confidence in Division 1, after a few difficult seasons in the higher division. No overseas players this year. The Cricket AGM is next week on Tuesday 21 January 2020, 7.30pm at The Hill.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

None at this time other than the replacement tree at St. Mary's play area.

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

The pitch was being rested but a 4 x youth teams tournament was unexpectedly hosted at Wollaston. This issue will need resolving as Wollaston cannot always be offered. The pitch was not then really playable for the Vets' game. This also resulted in excess cars in the car park and parking over the entrance/exit verges. It was agreed to look at putting large tyres filled with vegetation to the entrance of the car park to prevent parking at this area. Another junior training field is needed, awaiting opportunity in adjoining agricultural field from S106 monies at new development otherwise monies can be diverted to 3G pitch on tennis courts to enable football practice when the pitch is unusable. Mr Perry has asked for support from the NFA. Both pitches need a roll when the weather improves. Pitches to be monitored. The government are wanting communities to celebrate the 75 anniversary of Victory in Europe Day in May so the Bank

Holiday has been moved to the Friday on 08 May 2020, church bells will be rung and canons fired. Committee to be set up to organise picnic in the park to include tea/coffee and scone tent and 1930's 1940's music on speakers. PC have public liability insurance to 200 people, up to 1,000 people would cost £150. Sports Association and Cricket Club were happy to have the event at the field as long as litter was taken home. There has been an increase in dog fouling on the playing field. The clerk has asked the enforcement team to visit the village due to the dog fouling issues. A discussion was had to either look at installing cctv or bring a dog banning order. The Alder on the bridge has not been removed. Heritage appear to have removed the wrong tree. Clerk to advise arborist and request removal of correct tree.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11 February 2020 7pm at The Hill, Wollaston.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.10pm.

Chairman .....