

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13 APRIL 2021, 7.00pm
Virtually via Zoom

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Messrs Bailey, Jones, Mitchell, Perry, Savage (Chair), Silsby, and Tew, Mrs Milroy (Vice Chair) - Miss D. Styles, Clerk.

MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT

None.

APOLOGIES

Mr Green.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 09 March 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record. Meetings are held virtually due to the Covid-19 coronavirus pandemic under The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020.

FINANCES

Finances were circulated. Spends for February 2021 Norse Wheelie Bin £54.08, Bennet Jones to clean drain £30, tennis court clean £695, total spends to date £10,397.84. The end of year budget was circulated. Spends relating to the clubhouse refurbishment after the flood have been included on the monthly spreadsheet at skip hire £212.50 and Howdens replacement doors and wood materials at £1,596.02 and although this puts the end of year spends over budget by £206.36, these 2 sums will be reclaimed from the insurance company and if the claim is successful will be netted off to being the total yearly spend at £10,397.84 which comes within the budget. Query regarding can this be carried over to next financial year, no goes back in the PC finances. Capital spends final figure was £2,078.47 having spent £3,400 on the fencing for the new security area at the clubhouse. Query, can this be carried over. Note: CCTV suggested (see Purchases Required) to be mounted on clubhouse to survey storage areas and also anti-social behaviour on field, car park and play area, capital could be used for this. To be agreed.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage carried out the inspections of the play equipment and adult gym and has passed the check sheets to the Clerk. There has been some damage caused to the elephant springer equipment at the play area with the base mounts having disappeared. Clerk has taped the equipment off and seeking quotes to repair. Query regarding replacing the springer with another piece of equipment that is less likely to be vandalized. Similar piece of equipment damaged at The Pyghtles. Confirmed the Adult Gym Equipment is open.

POCKET PARK

Thanks to all involved in unlocking and locking the gate. Clerk has received an email from within SB asking whether PC needs assistance with upkeep of the Pocket Park. Clerk to respond with, yes please for assistance. None of the plants have been cut back this season so some assistance would be welcome.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Perry reported the Vics Adults began Saturday football in April carrying on to the end of May. Vets have started Sunday mornings to end in June and Youth are training in the evenings and on Saturday mornings.

Cricket – men have started practising although the nets were damaged in the floods at Christmas so a portable net has been purchased for the time being until the replacements are delivered, some time in June. Youth practice begins Thursday. All Stars (5 to 8) and Dynamos (9 to 11) to begin. Northants Cricket will be running a taster session at Bozeat and Wollaston Primary Schools. There is a face to face Activators course with 2 people booked on taking place at Burton Latimer. First game will be a friendly on 24 April 2021. The league starts on 01 May 2021. Hoping to enter T20 under 19's competition if there are the numbers available. The junior session is Friday evening.

Football – the changing rooms can be used from this weekend and will be open 30 minutes before the game and 30 minutes after the game. Reminders had to be relayed last Saturday regarding Covid Regulations as there were lots of spectators.

Nets – A new base and matting is covered under the insurance. When the flood damaged nets were being assessed, the assessor suggested contacting the ECB for a grant as the original nets did not meet updated criteria and were now damaged beyond repair due to the flood water. The ECB confirmed the Sports Association could claim a grant and as funding was coming to an end, there was more money in the pot to enable a 3 bay net facility. This means the net storage areas need adapting which will take place once the weather improves and the ground is solid. Looking at a 2 to 3 week installation time.

Tractor – Day & Coles tested the battery which was fine. The issue relates to the starter. A haulage team came in and took the tractor on Monday to be repaired by Day & Coles. Costs will be reclaimed under the insurance.

New Hayter Mower – A replacement mower has been delivered through Cricket Club funding and is in use. The grass is being cut by a grass contractor with the grass being cut last week. Agreed contractor to roll cricket and football areas. The grass contractor does provide a spraying service which could be considered as the current contractor being used had their premises and equipment destroyed in a fire.

Clubhouse – Imperial Carpentry Services have nearly completed the project. Mr Silsby reported they have done a very good job. Carpet fitter awaited, Mr Silsby to book date for fitting to be completed. The dehumidifiers can be returned soon and have cost £40 per week. Mr Silsby will pass the invoice over to the clerk for the insurance reclaim. More damage has been found in the ladies' toilets, Mr Silsby will contact a plumber to replace the toilets which are 'blowing' and carpenter will replace the back panels. The damaged woodwork and doors are being removed via a skip, skips costs being reclaimed through Cricket Club insurance.

Parking – there are concerns regarding the amount of cars in the car park and parking on the verge. Mr Perry and Mr Silsby will work with the rest of the Sports Association to try to address this. This could mean opening up the access road and field for extra parking.

Thanks to Mrs Milroy for the tractor tyres placed at the exit of the car park to prevent cars parking on the verge as this was prevent cars from leaving the site safely. Thanks to the clerk for planting them up.

Mr Savage thanked everyone for their assistance with above.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Perry confirmed a grant has been obtained to purchase new goals. Mr Savage has replaced the basket ball net.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

There has been lots of anti-social behaviour reported including smashed glass to the play area, smashed glass in the car park, glass bottles buried in the football pitches, items removed and smashed over the access road from the skip, hot coals from BBQ being put in the new bin in the car park and dog excrement on the playing field. Mr Schmitz has been approached to provide a quote for a CCTV system to cover the storage areas, the field and play area. It was suggested the capital monies of £2,000 could be used as funding. Note: PCSO suggested to clerk CCTV cameras be installed to monitor anti-social behaviour when reporting anti-social behaviour. The broken gate to the end of the field connecting the playing field and pasture has been reported to Street Dr. The one-way system signs on the gates of the car park can be removed. Clerk to investigate whether the sign placed by the Dog Enforcement team at College Street can be reproduced and placed at the Playing Field.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11 May 2021 7pm.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.03pm.

Signed by Chair: