

**WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 09 FEBRUARY 2021 7.00pm**  
**Virtually via Zoom**

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT**

None.

**APOLOGIES**

None.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 January 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 January 2021 EON Jan £30.89, Midland Tree Specialists at open spaces £2,355, Norse wheelie bin £67.60, Norse new bin at PF car park £380, Playground Supplies maintenance £50, Wicksteed repair of swings PF £283.64, Cricket Club annual grass cut £500 total spends to date £9547.67. Capital spends remain at £5,478.47. Clerk has applied for play equipment grant from BCW and will book tennis court surface clean. The finances were approved unanimously.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage carried out the inspections of the play equipment and adult gym. Areas are muddy due to the recent wet weather. It was noted the tennis court gate down the far end was open and Mr Savage has placed a bike lock to secure the gate during lockdown restrictions.

**POCKET PARK**

Combined effort from all those with keys to unlock and lock the area. The padlock has had to be opened later on some mornings due to it being frozen early on.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr Perry reported no football taking place during lockdown restrictions. Cricket fixtures start 01 May 2021. There have been no updates from the FA. Await Government announcement regarding lockdown for the local league. There may be options to play but possibly no cup games. Once sports resumes, there may be a problem with space as the football season is not finishing until 29 May 2021 and cricket season beginning on 01 May 2021. Mr Perry has raised the issue and had feedback to suggest hiring other pitches. However, due to lockdown finances have been tight and there is no funding to hire other pitches. The shelter had been moved on temporary dollies in readiness for the new storage fencing. Once lockdown restrictions are lifted, permanent wheels can be fitted to the shelter. Mr Green had no updates regarding Vics football games resuming.

The insurance assessor visited Wednesday. No timescale has been given for claim. Nets were looked at and queries regarding reinstatement costs. Mr Silsby will organise for an assessor to visit the site to ascertain current levels of damp in the clubhouse building which will determine whether the dehumidifiers are still needed. The tractor accelerator is sticking and silt from the flood water appears to have caused damage to the engine. A service is needed at approximately £400, and clerk will ask insurance company whether this can be covered under the insurance claim. Mr Perry confirmed the fridges were safe and working but a boiler check may be needed. Mr Silsby confirmed internal doors will need replacing. Queries were raised regarding any contamination from the flood waters in the storage containers.

**PURCHASES REQUIRED**

Residents in Neale Close open space have requested the 2 x Ash trees are reduced so a quote is being obtained. Clerk will not request the recycling wheelie bin until restrictions are lifted and the clubhouse is back in use.

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

It has been noted that over 50% of dogs are still not on leads and clerk will chase up the PSPO from BCW and find out what action can be taken under the PF Byelaw. Clerk will ask the Environment Agency to clear the brook as NCC are unable to attend the site due to lockdown restrictions. A quote is being obtained to clear out the grid drain in the corner of the car park. Clerk will book the tennis court surface clean. 2 moles were humanely removed from the field by the mole contractor. Clerk will send a link received from Northants County Association of Local Councils which provides grant funding for sports.

Mr Mitchell reported there is no update regarding approval of the S106 Agreement yet but it should be completed within the next 10 days.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 09 March 2021 7pm. Virtual meeting.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.42pm.

Signed by Chair: .....