

**WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 08 JUNE 2021, 7.00pm**  
**At The Clubhouse, Playing Field, London Road, Wollaston**

**ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Mr Tew proposed Mr Savage for Chair and this was seconded by Mrs Milroy, unanimously agreed

**ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR**

Mr Mitchell proposed Mrs Milroy for Vice Chair and this was seconded by Mr Tew, unanimously agreed.

**VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT**

None.

**APOLOGIES**

Mr Green.

**REVIEW PROCEDURES**

The Standing Orders were reviewed and agreed save for the addition of the adult gym equipment under the heading of Responsibilities. Trees were discussed and it was agreed the Millennium Trees and the trees along Hinwick Road would be come under the Parish Council budget. The risk assessments were agreed.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11 May 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record.

**FINANCES**

Finances were circulated. Spends for May were Norse wheelie bins March and April hire and collections £123.58, Playground Supplies basket swing check £25 and top up of earth on the tractor tyre flower beds £3.99. Finances were agreed.

**PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION**

Mr Savage had carried out the inspections of the play equipment at St. Mary's, The Pyghtles and Playing Field areas and the adult gym and passed the check sheets to the Clerk. No issues other than the grass needs cutting at the open spaces and the play equipment at St Mary's needs repainting. The annual inspection has been carried out by Seagrave Inspection Services and the inspection reports should be sent in the next day or so. New modern play equipment was discussed for all sites. S106 monies that had previously been received and not utilized were discussed with the option of pooling the funds and using on projects under 'play equipment' and 'sports'. Clerk was still looking for funding for new play equipment and awaits new funding projects after the current emergency Covid funding has ended.

**POCKET PARK**

Scott Bader volunteers will be at the Pocket Park 6 and 7 July to tidy the area. SB to confirm final dates. Clerk has provided SB with risk assessment.

**SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT**

Mr Perry reported that Saturday football has finished. Unfortunately, a player suffered bad ankle injury during the last First Team Gate. Thank you to Mr Folkes who is a First Responder, who cared for the player while the ambulance was on its way. There are 2 or 3 Sunday Veterans games still to play. A company has been approached

for discussions about providing verti-draining the football pitches, which will aerate the ground and lessen it from compacting.

Cricket is going well, and the youth coaching on a Friday evening is very busy. However, we had to call off one Friday session due to the damp conditions, which does cause some issues trying to ensure all the parents and children receive the message. We have recently held a County Junior for Northants U15s against Buckinghamshire as well as a District Trials. We are also hosting 2 primary school Kwik Cricket Festivals in June, for which we have received a donation from Northants Sport.

Mr Silsby confirmed there is no date for the new nets to be delivered.

The insurance reclaim for the Clubhouse and tractor has been completed. It was agreed to submit the claim to the insurance company once the dehumidifier invoice, boiler service invoice and tractor invoices had been received. The boiler replacement quote will be submitted to the insurance company to see whether it will be covered. The new carpet is in, and the furniture will be delivered tomorrow.

It was agreed that Mr Savage would attend any future Sports Association meetings/AGM and Mr Perry will provide accounts for football and cricket clubs.

### **PURCHASES REQUIRED**

Discussions took place regarding another bin or moving the Tidy Bear bin forward so it is more prominent for the public to use, but this is concreted in. It was agreed that the Clerk will purchase 25 sandbags with ties for future flood proofing. It was agreed to propose a resolution to the Parish Council for the Playing Field capital monies to be rolled over another year to provide cctv to the field due to the amount of anti-social behaviour on site. The Police have recommended cameras to the storage area, the clubhouse, field and car park area. Clerk to include on the Agenda for the PC meeting next week. Mr Perry will speak to Mr Schmitz for a quote for the cctv. Mr Boddington reported he had been collating ideas and support for the youth in village having a voice and playing more of a part in the community and more provision for them. A report has been produced and will be submitted to the Parish Council meeting next Thursday. A cover is still required for the tap in the play area. Clerk spoke to Anglian Water but the cover offered did not fit the area. Clerk confirmed the recycling wheelie bin had been ordered.

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

Mr Silsby has asked Day & Coles regarding the possible sale of the tractor and discussions took place as to whether a contractor will be used to cut the grass on the field. Mr Jones has calculated costs. To be discussed once a figure for the tractor has been received. The tractor has been serviced and is back on site to cut the field. Annual tractor user forms completed for 2021. Mr Savage thanked everyone who has been maintaining the field and thanked Mrs Milroy and Mr Tew for painting the flower bed tractor tyres.

It was agreed as part of the measures to cut the risk of future flooding that the brook would be cleared in August, date to be confirmed. Volunteers and a skip will be needed. The drains on London Road still need to be cleared. Breeze blocks would be fitted around the vents to the base of the clubhouse. The 2 loose benches currently at the clubhouse will be relocated to the tennis courts and fixed down. The field needs a weed spray and Clerk will find out whether the GJ Wilcox (Agricultural) Ltd are still available. If not, Maximow also provide the same service. Clerk to ask Hayeswood to spray weed killer inside the storage and gas areas and cut back the brambles to the side of the net storage area. Mr Savage will contact pest control for an update on mole hills. The car park will be closed in the evening.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13 July 2021 7pm at the Clubhouse.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20pm.

Signed by Chair: .....

Date: .....

