

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11 MAY 2021, 7.00pm
At The Oasis Building, High Street, Wollaston

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Messrs 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 13 April 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record.

FINANCES

Finances were circulated. Spends for April were plants and earth £21.60, replacement basketball net £4 and Tidy Bear bin replacement internal bin and back flap £101.35. Finances were agreed, no queries.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage carried out the inspections of the play equipment at St. Mary's, The Pyghtles and Playing Field areas and the adult gym and has passed the check sheets to the Clerk. Adult gym equipment was lubricated on 26.04.2021. Clerk has asked Hayeswood to cut the open spaces at The Pyghtles and to weed spray the tennis courts and strim the car park area.

POCKET PARK

Scott Bader have offered the use of volunteers to complete some jobs at the Pocket Park. Clerk will make a list and forward to SB.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Perry reported cricket has started with 2 wins and a close defeat. Youth is going really well and the group is building, looking to get a team for U19's. More players are needed for U11's with Friday evenings going well. Taken on a new female coach. The bar at the Clubhouse is open and social distancing measures are in place. The refit is going well after the flood damage at the end of last year. Thank you to Mr Silsby for organising the refit and liaising with the insurance company. Mr Ward and Mr Jones were thanked for their hard work for ground maintenance. Football – Three weeks are left before football finishes. There has been an issue with numbers returning due to injuries etc so Saturday's game was cancelled. Youth is doing well. The first team manager has resigned but others have returned to take on a role on the committee. Use Summer months to prepare for the next season beginning in September.

The insurance reclaim for the Clubhouse and tractor can now be finalised. It was agreed the furniture invoice could be paid. Parish Council reclaim including the replacement boiler parts would come near to the maximum amount under the insurance. Mr Silsby confirmed the new cricket nets are of a material which is flood proof. Mr Perry confirmed the carpet is going down.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Perry has liaised with Mr Schmitz regarding CCTV at the field. It was agreed Mr Perry would get a quote for 2 cameras with the option to record footage and bring this to the meeting in June. Three notices advising CCTV is in operation around the site should suffice, to be confirmed. It was agreed the recycling wheelie bin from Norse could be ordered as the bar was now open. Black bin and recycling bin to be emptied alternative weeks.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

Mr Savage confirmed pest control had been in attendance as mole hills had been found by the entrance gate. It was agreed the tyres to the front of the car park would be painted. The earth in the tyres has settled and needs refilling. Mr Jones enquired about cutting the grass behind the tennis courts and updating the play equipment and increasing the play area at the Playing Field. Mr Jones would email the Clerk regarding state of the tennis court grass area. It was confirmed that the St. Mary’s multi play unit would be replaced first due to wear and tear. An earmarked grant of £8,000 is in place but £8,000 still needs to be found either via outside grants or an additional £8,000 in next year’s budget. Mr Tew stated that there appears to be some issues that need addressing. The first being the issue of the grass cutting, whether a contractor is used, and the tractor sold with the funds being used to pay for the services of the contractor. Mr Silsby will make some enquiries regarding the tractor. The second being the issue of future flooding and what can be put in place to prevent this. Mr Silsby and Mr Perry were looking at building up around some areas of the base of the Clubhouse. Mr Tew is aware of the Wollaston Waste Warriors who could assist in maintaining the area and a team set up to clear the brook. The Clerk will contact the Environment Agency to source some sandbags. The third issue is the car parking at the site. The fourth issue is the vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the site and what can be done to deter this. A co-ordinated approach is needed to be effective and supportive with targeted spending.

It was noted Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, Princess Anne had made a visit to the village and the Royal Helicopter had landed at the Playing Field. Northants Close Protection Officer Unit had thanked the committee for allowing them use of the field to land on.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 08 June 2021 7pm, Clubhouse, Playing Field, London Road, Wollaston.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8pm.

Signed by Chair:

Date: