

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021, 7.00pm
At The Hill, Wollaston

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT

None.

APOLOGIES

Messrs Perry and Silsby.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 October 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record.

FINANCES

Finances were circulated. Spends for October were Norse wheelie bin empty £29.80, Mrs Milroy refund of paint and brushes for tyre planters £36.00 and Day & Coles for the mower repair at £83.76. Discussions took place regarding the budget for the next financial year and it was agreed Mr Savage, Mrs Milroy and the Clerk would meet to draft the budget. Mr Perry had left some notes regarding the budget and it was agreed Mr Savage and Mr Tew would speak to Mr Perry regarding the breeze block protection to prevent future flooding and sand bags. The boiler was not providing hot water to the cricket club side of the clubhouse and it was agreed to speak to Mr Silsby regarding getting the maintenance works completed. There is £600 remaining in capital spends which could go towards safety and security of the car park and path to the clubhouse, this would also assist with the night time security cctv camera. Quotes are needed. It was also agreed to keep the tractor and mower for another year and that if the Football Association wanted to provide helpers to assist, the £500 grant for cutting of the grass could be split between them and Cricket Club. Mr Ward to update his tractor driving permission sheet.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage had carried out the inspections of the play equipment at St. Mary's, The Pyghtles and Playing Field areas including the adult gym and passed the check sheets to the Clerk. The Pyghtles play area had had its annual inspection and there were 1 or 2 minor issues which will be monitored. Discussions took place regarding whether or not to repair the elephant springer at the PF play area. It was agreed to do this for the time being with Wicksteed who had quoted £543.46, the cheaper of 2 quotes. Clerk to organize. Discussions took place regarding a play area for over 12's and it was agreed Mr Boddington, the Clerk and anyone who wanted to attend would arrange to survey the area between the cricket storage area and the brook.

POCKET PARK

The opening and closing of the Pocket Park is going well between everyone. Clerk confirmed she had contacted SB regarding the expiry of the lease and next steps. Await a response.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Perry had left a written report stating the cricket nets had been finished, just connection of the electrics to complete the works. Both football pitches were aerated and rolled on Friday 05 November 2021. There may be an issue with the septic tank. It was emptied on 18 October 2021 removing 2,000L of water and waste but it was full again by Saturday 06 November 2021. The tank is due to be emptied this week and will be monitored regarding filling up of the tank. Clubhouse successfully used by Wollaston Vics Youth for a Halloween party and they wish to use the clubhouse again for a Christmas party, ongoing discussion regarding dates. Mr Green also confirmed Mr

Perry’s notes regarding Vets football as some fixtures have been off due to Covid. The VICS team are in fourth position in the Premier Division and the Reserves are at the top of Division 2, still unbeaten.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Green reported that the current internet system is struggling particularly regarding card readers. Enquiries have been made regarding new internet and it was proposed to fit a phone line but a postal address is needed first. Clerk to register the building with the Post Office for a post code. Clerk will order a new sign for St. Marys play area and a sign will be drafted and ordered for the Pyghtles play area.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

Mr Savage proposed a brook clear part 4 with a date being put forward for Saturday 27 November. Clerk will ask for volunteers from councillors and the public via social media. EON is increasing their electricity costs. It was agreed to continue with EON due to their sustainability and low carbon emissions providing 100% renewal electricity. The Pyghtles play area and open space will be cut back together with the open space at Briarwood Way by Hayeswood, date to be agreed. The main central bollard had been installed at the car park entrance. The other 2 bollards are due to be installed. Clerk had agreed 10 key fobs would be obtained for the central bollard.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14 December 2021, 7pm at The Hill, Wollaston.

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

Signed by Chair:

Date:

