

WOLLASTON PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYING FIELD & PARKS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021, 7.00pm
At The Clubhouse, Playing Field, London Road, Wollaston

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS/PUBLIC PRESENT

None.

APOLOGIES

Mr Green, Silsby.

MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13 July 2021 were agreed unanimously and signed as a correct record.

FINANCES

Finances were circulated. Spends for July and August were EON floodlight energy at £17.21 (since then we have had a £60 credit), Hayeswood strim hedge by cricket nets and weed control £200, wheelie bin & recycling bin empty Norse £165.65 The recycling bin has been returned as it was too small. Debra to look into next Spring. Northants Pest Control annual fee was £340. The balance of the capital monies was £638.47 after spending £1,440 on CCTV equipment. The finances were unanimously agreed.

PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Mr Savage had intended to complete the play equipment inspections but unfortunately the weather was too bad. They will be completed tomorrow. Mr Savage had been keeping an eye on the play equipment over the Summer and reported the safety surface at St. Marys had been repaired under the basket swing and springer equipment handle replaced but we were still waiting for the springer play equipment holding bracket at the Playing Field to be replaced. (NB reports received 15.09.2021-notice needed at Pyghtles and repaint of equipment at St. Marys required).

POCKET PARK

Mr Savage thanked the key holders for locking and unlocking the Pocket Park. Due to the good weather, the vegetation is very overgrown so Debra will contact CLM to find out whether they can cut back the vegetation and a committee of volunteers to be set up to maintain the area from next Spring.

SPORTS ASSOCIATION REPORT

Mr Perry reported that this is the last week for cricket with the 1st and 2nd teams knock out finals this Saturday involving Loddington and Oundle. There is a query regarding the promotion of a club, so not sure how the season will finish. Many of the players from the 1st team will be attending university or going off to do their thing which may cause issues in the early part of next season. New safeguarding admin has been brought in which Mr Perry has taken on, thanks were sent to him for taking this on. Wollaston has completed all necessary documentation and training. The Youth Cricket Presentation has taken place with many boys as well as girls being awarded. All teams have done really well in cricket.

Mr Perry reported both teams are undefeated in the football. Vets have started the season really well. There have been some changes in that existing FA Charter Standard leagues and clubs will automatically become England Football Accredited. Changes come in November. Youth want to run some team building and other events at the Pavilion and this has been approved.

PURCHASES REQUIRED

Mr Boddington has visited Spencer Park in Rushden and made enquiries regarding the purchase of a concrete outdoor table tennis unit. It was agreed Wollaston would liaise with Irchester to see whether 2 units could be purchased which is cheaper than purchasing one unit (£1,775 rather than £2,000 for 1 unit). The tables come with bats and balls. Clerk would liaise with Irchester clerk to see whether they are interested in the proposal and funding can be looked into. Mr Boddington will find out the area of the concrete base needed and Clerk will obtain some quotes. It was agreed the inner gates need to be replaced and Clerk will organise this and submit the invoice to Zurich Insurance for a claim after the damage to the existing gates.

Disability access to the field and play area was discussed and a Radar Padlock with a universal key was put forward. It was thought the far gate by the tennis courts was supposed to be accessible for wheelchairs. Clerk to check and if this is the case, a sign will be purchased and placed at the gate to make users aware. Otherwise, Clerk will make enquiries as to best possible solution.

As previously discussed, the proposal for a bollard to replace the main gate to the car park was agreed. Two smaller bollards will be placed either side of the entrance with a removable bollard in the centre. Measurements have been taken to ensure any large vehicles that need to access the car park can get through with payment by the Parish Council and a private donation.

FIELD MAINTENANCE/MATTERS RELATING TO THE FIELD

Mr Savage thanked everyone who locks and unlocks the main gate to the car park. It was noted there were some 30 cars parked along London Road one weekend during matches. Unfortunately, there is no other site for parking but it should not be an issue with the cricket season finished. The app for the CCTV needs to be downloaded to mobile 'phones so any issues reported can be logged and forwarded to the Police. Mr Savage will speak to Mr Schmitz and organise. Mr Savage thanked everyone who came along to clear the brook. A third of the brook has been cleared and it was agreed to continue this with a proposed date Wednesday 29 September 2021 from 9am to midday. Clerk will advertise for volunteers on social media. Mr Jones proposed a Laurel hedge be installed around the net and storage area by the grounds staff with some 100 plants. This was agreed.

The Clerk and Mr Perry had spent 2 hours going through the clubhouse flood insurance documentation with the assessor. The assessor needs confirmation the boiler and tractor damage was caused by the flood and Clerk to clarify some decorating, otherwise the claim should be processed shortly and payment made.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12 October 2021 7pm at The Hill, Wollaston.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed by Chair:

Date: