

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held via video conference on Monday 18th January 2021 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), G Briggs, D Callaghan, N Hornsey, Mr M Hubbert (Welton Community Hub & Library) and Mr T Peachman (Welton FC)

Clerk: Mrs Julie Murray

Also Present: Cllr R lobley and Leticia Cooper (Administration Assistant)

A public participation session took place prior to the official start of the meeting.

21/01/01 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first council meeting of 2021.

21/01/02 Apologies
On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to accept apologies from Cllrs Greenway and Pikett having considered and accepted their reasons for absence. Cllr Fletcher was unable to join the meeting due to technical problems.

21/01/03 Declarations of Interests
There were no interests declared.

7.32pm Cllr Hornsey joined the meeting.

21/01/04 Minutes
On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Callaghan, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held via video conference on 2nd November 2020 be approved and signed as the minutes.

21/01/05 Clerk's Report
Sports and Social Club Representative: Maureen Spalding has reported that nobody is willing to attend PC meetings. The Club has been advised that if a matter is to be raised with the committee it needs to be sent via the Clerk in plenty of time to be put on the agenda.
Manor Park: On 6.1.21 a car drove from the car park onto the grassed area adjacent to the changing rooms and caused considerable damage to the ground after getting stuck in the mud; the incident was reported to the police and following their enquiries the driver of the vehicle was given the opportunity of Restorative Justice and has paid for the damage to be repaired.

21/01/06 General Finance Matters:
a. Members received and noted the financial report to 31.12.20 together with details of financial losses to 31.1.21 due to the pandemic.
b. Draft fees and charges for the 2021 season were circulated with the agenda and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to accept them and on the advice of the RFO to refund unused sessions to users of the facility.

21/01/07 Welton Football Club
a. Mr Peachman reported that no football had been played since before Christmas and asked if the PC would be re-opening the pitches after the lockdown; the PC will follow and implement Government guidelines as and when they are issued. It is

anticipated that some leagues may finish the season early, although others could extend it.

- b. FA Pitch Improvement Programme** – Mr Peachman reported that the verti-draining had taken place before all the rain over the past few weeks which was a good thing and fertilising will take place when appropriate.

21/01/08

Bowls Green

Several ideas have been received and these were discussed at length; it will remain a priority that the area is preserved as a playing surface for sport. Suggestions included raised bed allotments, mini tennis, additional storage, extending the car park, increase the size of the 3G pitch, cricket nets and netball; the most favoured scheme is to install a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and outdoor gym equipment and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote for the Clerk to obtain quotes and investigate grant funding.

21/01/09

Facility Matters

a. Maintenance

- i. AGP Maintenance** – three quotes have been received and on a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Callaghan, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quote from Machine & Pitch Maintenance Ltd.
 - ii. Chafer Grub damage** – there are signs of chafer grub infestation at the far corners of the playing field, although it has not crept onto the pitches yet; three quotes for treatment had been sought and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority vote (3 for, 1 against) for the contract to be awarded to Glendale Countryside Ltd to carry out a chemical treatment in the spring.
 - iii. Skip Hire** – there is a considerable amount of unwanted items, rubbish etc and the Bowls Club have items also to be disposed of and is willing to share the cost with the PC; total hire charge of £210.00 and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to order a skip for this purpose.
 - iv. Drainage Ditch** – Mr Peachman reported before Christmas that pallets from the adjacent building site were being used to construct bridges and dens at the rear end of the playing field; the Clerk has reported the issues to Beal Homes and is awaiting the outcome of their investigations.
- b. Security/Incidents – Report:** 29.11.20 - youths gathering at rear of pavilion, possible drug dealing/taking. 5.12.20 – cars spinning around on the grass – both reported to Police & crimed (apologies emailed from the perpetrators after PCSO spoke to them after tracking them down from CCTV footage). 12.12.20 – youths gathering and pulling out plants, throwing them at the building – damage to pots etc on the Bowls Green. PCSO aware and taking action from CCTV footage.
- i.** There have been no issues with the barrier and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that it should be left operating as normal.
 - ii.** Mr Peachman has reported that there is considerable evidence of smoking taking place at the rear of the pavilion and cigarette ends left in abundance, he queried as to whether the police are still patrolling the park regularly; the Clerk confirmed that the PCSO and her colleagues patrol as often as possible.

iii. The Clerk reported that there has been a recent incident of a car driving onto the grass adjacent to the changing rooms, causing considerable damage to the ground; it was reported to the police and following their enquiries, the driver was dealt with through Restorative Justice and has paid for the damage to be repaired.

c. **Usage:**

i. **Umbrellas** – a request has been received for the use of the facility to hold a fund-raising Fun Day in July and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to grant permission subject to the normal hire fees, evidence of the appropriate insurance cover and provision of Risk Assessments.

ii. The AGP, Pavilion and Library are currently closed due to the lockdown.

21/01/10 Library & Community Hub Matters

a. The committee received details of income and expenditure to 31.12.20; a discussion took place to what expenditure might be needed in preparation of the library re-opening and it was agreed that the laptops needed updating and/or replacing. The Clerk will seek quotes to update or replace 3 machines and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to set a budget of £750.00 to achieve this.

b. Mr Hubbert reported that the library was currently closed and had operated a Click & Collect service until Christmas and this had gone as well as expected and may have to resume on this basis in the short term after the lockdown.

c. **Signpost for Tourist Attractions** to direct visitors to the Library – the application has been submitted and awaiting the outcome.

21/01/11 Allotments

No charge was made for 2020 due to the pandemic and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to keep the rental charge at £50.00 for 2021.

21/01/12 Councillors Reports

None

Chairman.....

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