

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held via video conference on Monday 15th March 2021 at 7.30pm

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

Also Present: Mrs Julie Murray (Clerk to the Council), Lisette Barnes (Welton Sports & Social Club) and Steve Gibson (Dunholme & Welton Cricket Club)

Clerk: Mrs Leticia Cooper (Administration Assistant)

There was a brief presentation from Steve Gibson of the newly formed Dunholme & Welton Cricket Club. The matter will be discussed at the appropriate agenda item.

21/03/13 The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

21/03/14 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept apologies from Cllr Pikett having considered and accepted his reason for absence. Cllr Fletcher was unable to join the meeting due to technical problems.

21/03/15 Declarations of Interests

There were no interests declared.

21/03/16 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held via video conference on 18th January 2021 be approved and signed as the minutes.

21/03/17 Clerk's Report

There was nothing to report.

21/03/18 General Finance Matters

Members received and noted the financial report to 28.02.21

21/03/19 Welton Football Club

- a. Mr Peachman expressed hopes that play could resume by 29th March. It was planned to extend the season and to finish playing by 22nd June 2021.
- b. **FA Pitch Improvement Programme** – Mr Peachman advised the slitting and rolling of the pitch had been completed. Grass seeding had been delayed until April.
- c. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was voted upon and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to extend the season until 27th June 2021.

21/03/20 Welton Sports & Social Club

Ms. Barnes attended the meeting on behalf of Welton Sports and Social Club. No changes were requested to the two-year agreement. However, following discussion it was considered beneficial to both sides if the roles and protocols of the committee were clarified. On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Greenway, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the agreement with an amendment allowing for a break at 6 months to consider the roles and protocols of the committee.

21/03/21 Dunholme & Welton Cricket Club

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to allow use of the football pitch for junior cricket sessions on Thursdays from 5.45pm – 8.00pm, w/c 13th May for 8 weeks. The rate of hire was confirmed at £25.40 p/h. The club would liaise with Mr Peachman to arrange details of play. Mr Peachman commented that the establishment of a full cricket pitch would not be supported as infrastructure for this had been removed. It was not possible to allow storage of equipment at Manor Park as existing space was limited.

21/03/22 Bowls Green

Further suggestions for the use of the old bowls green site had been received; two for a dog walking paddock and one for a nature area. Following discussion, it was agreed the proposed build of a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) would benefit a greater proportion of residents. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to form a Working Group to investigate costings and specifications for a MUGA. Cllrs Lowen, Briggs, and Mr Peachman with Cllr Greenway as a reserve, volunteered to form the Working Group.

21/03/23 Facility Matters**a. Maintenance**

- i. The update from Beal Homes was noted.
- ii. **Security/Incidents – Report:** Youths captured on camera breaking a scooter left at the skatepark. A Police investigation is ongoing.

b. Usage:

- i. On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Mr Peachman, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to follow government guidelines and open the 3G when allowed.
- ii. Witham Hill Gymnastics: A request has been received to use the grass pitch for outdoor fitness classes. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to refuse the request due to the extension of the football season. Welton Sports & Social Club indicated they might be able to accommodate the group. The group will be contacted and signposted to the Welton Sports & Social Club.

21/03/24 Library & Community Hub Matters

- a. The committee received details of income and expenditure to 28.2.21.
- b. Arrangements for reopening were considered and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to re-open in line with government guidelines.
- c. Mr Hubbert reported that the library remained closed. Volunteers were being contacted and it is hoped to encourage them back and to try and set up some activities, within government guidelines, as the year progresses.
- d. Mr Hubbert indicated that a pressure activated mat alarm would help volunteers distinguish if the door was pushed open by the wind or if people were entering the building. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the mat alarm and reusable sign holders.

- e. The report was discussed and Mr Hubbert expressed concerns that upgrading the library computers might not improve processor speeds, which would be needed for general browsing and searching the library catalogue. On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to increase the budget for the project to a maximum of £1,500 and to give the Clerk delegated powers to proceed with the purchase of new computers after consultation with Mr Hubbert.
- f. The cost for the directional library sign and location were considered and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the costs and agreed location from LCC.

21/03/25 Councillors Reports
None

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