

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), R Fletcher, G Thomas, A Greenway and D Pikett
and Ms L Barnes (Welton Sports & Social Club) and Mr J Hodges (Welton Football Club)

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

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

23/01/12 Chairman's Remarks

Cllr Lowen welcomed and thanked everyone for coming out on such a cold night.

23/01/13 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept apologies from Cllr Briggs and Mr M Hubbert (Library Volunteers Co-ordinator) having accepted their reasons for absence. Cllrs Seal and Hornsey were absent with no apologies received.

23/01/14 Declarations of Interests

Cllr Fletcher declared an interest in agenda item 6b, c and d as a user of the facilities.

23/01/15 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 21st November 2022 were approved and signed as the minutes.

23/01/16 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Mr Hodges did not recognise the driver of the van who got stuck on the playing field in November. The Clerk was asked to see if the police were able to identify the vehicle.

Gateway Automation have carried out the service on the barrier at Manor Park with no issues found.

West Lindsey has confirmed that under the Food Safety & Hygiene Regulations 2013, Manor Park Pavilion has been deemed low risk and will no longer receive a routine food hygiene inspection from a Food Safety Officer.

An email has been received from a resident to inform the Council that they had been involved in an incident with a dog walker, shouting abusively and leaving a bag of dog faeces on their drive. The Clerk directed them to West Lindsey as the responsible authority.

A further incident of a car getting stuck in the mud at Manor Park and manual forcing of the barrier has been reported to the police and a crime number has been issued.

23/01/17 General Finance Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31.12.2022

Cllr Fletcher advised the Council that the predicted end of year finances show that a surplus of £2,000 may be available.

b) An email has been received highlighting the football club's concerns with the increased fees.

Cllr Lowen addressed the concerns that had been discussed in detail at the two previous meetings and advised the decision to increase the fees was not taken lightly, and confirmed that a review would take place at the end of the Financial Year by the committee to look at what difference the increased levy had made and if there was a surplus, they will consider offering a rebate to users on a pro-rata basis. Cllr Lowen also reminded Mr Hodges that if he was unable to attend a meeting, a representative should attend in his place.

- c) An email has been received from 780 Coaching regarding the increase in fees for their bookings for the AGP pitch. It was proposed by Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Lowen that as with other users of the facility, the increase would stand and would be reviewed on an individual basis at the end of the financial year and **RESOLVED** by a majority vote (three for, one against and one abstention).
- d) The annual review of charges for the use of Manor Park in line with the December RPI will not be increased for 2023/2024, as this has been included in the 33% increase already agreed.
- e) Fees for Garden Waste bins; on a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to renew the subscription for 4 green bins.

23/01/18

Facilities Matters

a) Maintenance

i. Cllr Greenway proposed to accept the quotation from Machine Pitch & Maintenance for the maintenance of the 3G pitch. Cllr Thomas advised the committee that he could provide contact details to obtain further quotations and would forward this information to the Clerk. Cllr Greenway withdrew his proposal, and the item was deferred to the next meeting.

ii. Cllr Thomas advised the committee that the contact details that he would provide for item i would be able to provide a quotation to include the maintenance and the FA pitch retest. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to defer to the next meeting.

iii. The committee asked for more clarification on why the pipework needed to be moved to enable better access to the expansion vessel. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Greenway, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to defer to the next meeting.

iv. White lining of the car park, the two disabled bays and hatched area were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas not to carry out the white lining currently, and to re-line the disabled bays and hatched area if it is required by law. Cllr Fletcher proposed to look at the yellow disabled and hatched area in the daylight. Item deferred to the next meeting.

v. Quotations to remove the remainder of the front hedge on the MUGA site leaving 5m each end have been received. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Greenway, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from Arborez.

vi. Quotations for reducing the hedge between the play area and the MUGA site was deferred to the next meeting.

vii. Quotations for reducing the hedge around the AGP have been obtained. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Greenway, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote not to carry out these works at the present time.

b) Security Incidents

On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Pikett, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to ratify the quotation from AC Alarms for the second £125.00 for servicing the fire alarm and emergency lighting at Manor Park which was carried out for Health and Safety purposes.

c) General

The quotation to install a 240v supply for the installation of a defibrillator at the entrance of the 3G pitch was discussed. On a proposal from Cllr Pikett, seconded by Cllr Thomas, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote not to proceed.

23/01/19

Ryland Road Playing Field

An email has been received from a resident on Ryland Road requesting permission to move their boundary fence to the other side of the trees on the playing field provided it is within the chain-link fence. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Greenway it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to inform the resident that it is the Parish Council's view that the fencing on their boundary line is the responsibility of the property owner.

23/01/20

Welton Football Club

- a) Mr Hodges had concerns that due to the area of grass by the changing rooms being so wet that emergency vehicles could get stuck. The Clerk was requested to obtain quotations for the installation of 25 metres of rubber matting for the next meeting.
- b) The slitting of the pitches scheduled for last week had to be postponed due the weather.

23/01/21

Welton Sports & Social Club

Ms Barnes requested that the agenda items for the Social Club and Football Club be at the beginning of the agenda to enable early exit from the meeting, if there are no further items that they need to be in attendance for. Ms Barnes had requested that item 10 b) and 10 c) be deferred to the next meeting. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Greenway it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the request from and defer these two items.

23/01/22

MUGA & Outdoor Gym

It was proposed by Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the oak posts to prevent vehicles driving onto the site.

23/01/23

Allotments

On a proposal from Cllr Greenway, seconded by Cllr Pikett and it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to increase the cost of rent on the allotments by £5 to £55 for 2023/24.

23/01/24

Sports Facilities

Cllr Thomas had not received any information from Sport England and will produce a questionnaire document for the Clerk to circulate to the users of the facilities.

23/01/25

Library & Community Hub Matters

- a) The committee received details of income and expenditure to 31.12.22.
- b) Ms Hughes (volunteer) reported that there had been two new volunteers who have completed their training.
The craft and storytelling afternoon was extremely popular with the children.
Three upcoming events: -
Tuesday 28th February - A Chicken and Egg Story talk
Tuesday 21st March - Commonwealth War Graves Commission talk
Tuesday 21st February - Book Chat

23/01/26

Councillors Reports

None

Signed.....

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