

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), R Fletcher, G Briggs, N Hornsey. D Pikett and Bailey and Mr M Hubbert (Library Volunteers Co-ordinator), Mr J Hodges (Chairman, Welton FC), Ms L Barnes (Welton Sports & Social Club)

*Please be advised that these are notes of the meeting taken by the Clerk and cannot in any way be regarded as the official minutes of Council proceedings until they are approved and signed at the next meeting.*

**Clerk:** Mrs Louise Gibbs

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

**24/03/38** Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to meeting.

**24/03/39** Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept apologies from Cllr Greenway having accepted his reason for absence.

**24/03/40** Declarations of Interests

None

**24/03/41** 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 on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 were approved and signed as the minutes.

**24/03/42** Clerk's Report

**Emergency powers** – Used to: -

Repair the boiler cost of £359.50.

Stonecliff Park Defibrillator authorised £145.00.

**Community Resolution Payments** – Final payment received.

**Damage to football pitch** – Payment received from gentleman who did the damage and repairs carried out by Facilities Team.

**West Lindsey Waste Collection** – Increased from £46.15 to £50.38.

**Machine and Pitch Maintenance** - No problems found.

**Non-Domestic Rates** – Small business relief received Amount Payable £0.00.

**Vandalism** - Incident where glass bottles thrown and broken on MUGA, reported to police and a fine issued.

**Eagle Drive football path** – Barriers installed by Beal Homes.

**24/03/43** Welton Football Club

**a)** Mr Hodges reported that due to the excess water on the pitches they have been unplayable since January which has caused a problem with the fixtures.

**b)** One quotation for a feasibility study has currently been received.

The contractor that carried out works to Manor Park in 2016 visited the site free of

charge and met with Cllr Lowen and Mr Hodges to discuss the problem with the drainage at both Manor Park and Ryland Road. An initial quotation was received for a new drainage system for both sites, Manor Park and Ryland Road.

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to request that the Clerk contacts the Football Foundation to enquire as to whether:-

- a) A feasibility study would be required to apply for funding or if three quotations would be sufficient.
  - b) The two sites could be put together as a joint project for funding.
  - c) A grant would be available and if it would need to be match funded.
  - d) Funding would be available for Manor Park if Ryland Road is not viable.
- c) As above.

**24/03/44** Ryland Road Playing Field

A request has been received to consider installation of a new drainage system; this was discussed in minute number 24/03/44 b) above.

**24/03/45** Welton Sports & Social Club

Ms Barnes gave an update.

No issues to report currently all working ok.

Food van now parked in carpark every Friday evening, Ms Barnes asked if the food van could park on the grass at Ryland Road, permission was not granted due to the possible damage to the grass.

Ms Barnes reported that a low noise fireworks display on November 3<sup>rd</sup> had been provisionally booked. Parking has been arranged at the Village Hall and William Farr.

A request was received to close the foot path from Church Lane to the playing field during the firework display. Clerk to investigate with Highways if this is legal.

Copies of insurance and risk assessments must be provided to the Parish Council before the event. On a proposal by Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree to the event, subject to the closure of the footpath.

**24/03/46** General Finance Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 29.02.2024.

**24/03/47** Facilities Matters

**a) Maintenance**

i) On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote keep the height of the hedge between the cableway and MUGA due to the 6ft metal fence within the hedge.

ii) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to install oak posts (already purchased) with a drop-down emergency post £100 budget agreed, to form a barrier at the side of the pavilion to prevent cars being driven onto the grass and causing further damage.

iii) On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept the quotation from EKM Ltd to repair the netting on the AGP.

iv) As a guide estimated costs of £35 per square metre have been quoted to renew the surface of the AGP depending on which surface is chosen and if any shock pad is needed. The current contractor has advised that with the current annual use of the pitch it is estimated that it has another 4 to 5 years before it will need to be replaced.

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v) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** following a unanimous vote to delegate the hiring of a skip for no more than twice a year to the Chairman and Clerk.

vi) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote to accept the quotation from EKM Ltd to repair the trapeze rings and matting at Ryland Road Play Park.

**b) Security/Incidents:**

None

**c) General:**

A request from Welton Cricket Club to hire half of a pitch and access to toilets for eight one-hour sessions on a Saturday morning from the 11<sup>th</sup> May – 13<sup>th</sup> July has been received. On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** following a vote agree to the above from 11.30 – 12.30 at a cost of £20 per hour plus £15 deposit for the key to the pavilion. Clerk to draw up a contract.

**24/03/48**

Library & Community Hub Matters

- a) The committee received details of income and expenditure to 29.02.2024.
- b) The cost of £61 for the new library sign has been authorised by the Chairman and Clerk under emergency powers.
- c) Mr Hubbert reported a positive start to the new year with 19% increase in book borrowing and 24% increase in active service users.  
Mr Hubbart thanked the volunteers and Hazel Admin Assistant for their hard work in promoting the library and the children’s craft sessions.

**24/03/49**

Councillors Reports

None.

Signed: .....

Date: .....