

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), N Hornsey and G Briggs and Mr M Hubbert (Library & Community Hub), Mr J Hodges (Welton FC) and Mrs L Barnes (Welton Sports & Social Club)

Also Present: James Brown (Manager, Welton Sports & Social Club)

Clerk: Mrs Julie Murray

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

25/02/01 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2025.

25/02/02 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bailey having considered his reason for absence. Cllr Pikett was absent with no apologies given (he telephoned the office on Tuesday 4.2.25 to explain his absence).

25/02/03 Declarations of Interests

None

25/02/04 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 28th October 2024 were approved and signed as the minutes.

25/02/05 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that:

- A Legionnaires Thermometer has been purchased at a cost of £49.85.
- The light above the ANPR Camera has been replaced as the old one wasn't working.
- A refund of £1,065.81 has been received from Travis Perkins from unused materials to replace the decking.

25/02/06 Library & Community Hub Matters

- a) Three quotations for a roller blind for the library door to prevent the sun reflecting on the computer screens have been received and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quote from Blinds Direct and on a further proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** by a vote to set a budget of £100.00 to cover any increase in costs since the quote had been received.
- b) The committee received details of income and expenditure to 31.1.25. The Clerk reported that a donation of £94.10 has been received from Threshold to benefit the library; it was suggested that puppets for the Storytime sessions could be purchased and members were requested to bring ideas to the next meeting.
- c) Mr Hubbert reported that during the last year over 10,000 books have been issued, our largest increase to date. There has also been an increase of 23% in visitors to the library. Hazel's work has made a big difference in attracting new people to the library, together with the Community Hub talks, Storytime sessions and children's craft events that have taken place. We have a new volunteer who has taken over the publicity, which you will have seen in the Welton News with more graphics.

We also have a new volunteer who has instigated Board Games sessions beginning in a couple of weeks for ages 4 - 104, one of the sessions taking place in half term; the board games were a donation from GLL. We will be pushing forward with more activities over the coming months. A big thank you goes to all our volunteers who we couldn't operate without and we have some new ones coming to join us soon too.

The committee also offered their grateful thanks to Mr Hubbert for all his input behind the scenes and to all the volunteers for giving their time and dedication.

7.40pm Mr Hubbert left the meeting

25/02/07

Welton Sports & Social Club

- a) Mrs Barnes introduced the new Club Manager, James Brown, who will be attending meetings in future either with her or on his own. Generally all has been okay at the Club, just a few issues with people coming to pick up cigarette butts, it has been investigated and there is no evidence of drugs being used and they seem harmless. The Club had a busy Christmas and New Year period and surprisingly January has been busier than usual, this could be due to the change of management and new committee members.
- b) The Fun Day will be held on 30th August and Fireworks Night on 2nd November. Mr Brown informed members of an event that the Lincolnshire National Chopper Club (motorbikes) would like to hold at the Club on the 18th May, it will mainly take place on the entrance road up to the club, but some could encroach onto the grassed areas. It will be an open day for the general public and on a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that all these events had permission to take place subject to providing copies of Risk Assessments and proof of Public Liability insurance.

The Clerk mentioned that the Music & Arts Festival taking place will include an event on the playing field on Sunday 6th July and the Club are happy to provide refreshments and will obtain a licence allowing non-members to use their facilities.

25/02/08

Ryland Road Playing Field

- a) The new drainage pipe will be installed at the end of the playing season. Defer to a future meeting.
- b) A copy of the 2 year agreement was given to Mrs Barnes who will take it to the WS&SC Committee for consideration and signing; she will bring it back to the next meeting, if all is agreeable.

8.00pm Mrs Barnes and Mr Brown left the meeting

25/02/09

Welton Football Club

- a) Mr Hodges reported that the season was going well so far, the pitches had been a little wet this past weekend, but they had only lost 4 weekends this season due to the weather compared to the large number lost last year. The 7th/8th June has been booked for their annual tournament.
- b) **Drainage Grant Application** – A meeting has been held with the Football Foundation; it is proving difficult to locate some of the connections and the survey has been proved largely unsuccessful. The Clerk has looked at some older plans of the field and it may be possible to find some of these lost connections; further investigation is needed to gather the evidence to prove that the drainage needs replacing. Until the survey can be carried out successfully it remains in abeyance. Agenda again for the next meeting, when hopefully an update will be available.

- 25/02/10** General Finance Matters
- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 31.1.2025
 - b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree the increase in charges in accordance with the current RPI of 3.6%.
 - c) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** by a vote to renew the subscription for 4 Green Waste Bins at a charge of £184.00 by WLDC.
- 25/02/11** Allotments
- On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Lowen, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** by a vote to increase the annual rent to £60.00 per plot from 1st April 2025.
- 25/02/12** Facilities Matters
- Replacement Goal Nets for AGP** – On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** by a vote to accept the quote from Sportsequip.
- 25/02/13** Security/Incidents
- a) **Automatic Barrier** – The contractor has been out to inspect the barrier; all is working as it should. The magnet is the strongest they can supply and one person should not be able to push it up, but if there is a large group trying to do it, then they are most likely to be able to move it. A sensor could be fitted, but once they know it is possible to get out once they are in, it would be compromised. It was agreed no further action to be taken at this time.
 - b) **Damage to picnic table on MUGA** – information has been supplied to the Police who are investigating. An estimate of the costs to repair have also been given to them, waiting for an update.
- 25/02/14** Play Areas
- a) **Ryland Road** - a quote has been obtained for the installation of the play train and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quote for the option costed at £1,260.00 from EKM.
 - b) **Skate Park** - a quote has been obtained for the recommended repairs following the annual inspection and on a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** by a vote to accept the quote from EKM.
- 25/02/15** Councillors Reports
- None

Signed:

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