

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 24th March 2025 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), N Hornsey, D Pikett, R Fletcher and G Briggs and Mr J Hodges (Welton FC) and Mr J Brown (Manager 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.

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

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

25/03/24 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the first meeting.

25/03/25 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 and Mr M Hubbert (Library & Community Hub).

25/03/26 Declarations of Interests

None

25/03/27 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 February 2025 were approved and signed as the minutes.

25/03/28 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that:

- Repairs had been authorised under her powers for a small repair to the AGP at £30 and treatment and weed solution for £30.
- A health and safety issue was found at the Skate Park and the Clerk had authorised EKM to repair under her powers.
- A lady tripped on a raised slab at Manor Park. The facilities team have painted the edge of the slab yellow. Clerk to instruct the Facilities Team to lift the slab and re-lay.
- A new blind for the library window has been authorised by the Clerk under her powers at a cost of £46.67.
- TV purchased for the library was faulty and has been returned with a full refund.
- Hedge along the Southern boundary of Manor Park has now been cut.
- Rates for Manor Park have been given the Small Business Rates relief for a further year.

25/03/29 Library & Community Hub Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 28.02.25

b) Mr Hubbert had sent a report in his absence: -

I am pleased to report that our Board Games initiative has attracted a number of enthusiastic family games players on each occasion thereby helping to improve people's knowledge of our offerings and facilities. We are continuing with these in future months alongside our regular children's crafts, story times and community hub talks.

We have had positive responses to our requests for volunteers and it is good to report that alongside those covering the library we now have Adam who is leading on the board games events, Elizabeth our excellent story time reader and Hayley who puts

together our publicity items.

Looking forward we have a very successful author visiting to talk to us at the end of March and Hazel has successfully negotiated with WLDC for us to take part in Wordfest which has previously been limited to towns with staffed libraries. This will include events for both children and adults including a silent book club. We also look forward to our part in the Arts and Music festival in July.

The door blind has been fitted, and the volunteers are grateful for that.

Finally we are looking into replacing the tv that was supplied for advertising and subsequently failed and was refunded. It appears more research is required so we do not repeat the mistake of the original purchase, and I therefore request that the item be put on the next agenda for discussion by which time we will have obtained details of suitable options.

- c) The television that was purchased following the meeting on the 23rd September 2024 minute no 24/09/40 c) has been returned faulty and a full refund received. The Committee agreed a budget of £200 therefore a replacement will be purchased within the original budget set.

25/03/30 Welton Sports & Social Club

James Brown requested that an item be added to the next agenda to discuss the possibility of the social club installing 4 to 5 benches along the wall of the club house. In preparation of the agenda item James was asked to check the licencing rules and agreement for the meeting and to send the Parish Office information of the benches required.

25/03/31 Ryland Road Playing Field

- a) The new drainage pipe will be installed at the end of the playing season. Defer to a November meeting.
- b) A copy of the 2-year agreement was signed at the meeting.

8.00pm Mr Brown left the meeting

25/03/32 Welton Football Club

- a) Mr Hodges reported that everything was going well and that the weather this season had been kind.
The football club is looking to increase their teams from 23 – 27 next season.
The AGM will be held on Thursday 8th May – Clerk to check availability of Manor Park.
Mr Hodges reported that the Football Club had had formal discussions with the Cricket Club who explained their ongoing talks with the Parish Council.
- b) **Drainage Grant Application** – Clerk has been chasing the contractor to complete the survey so that quotations can be obtained for any works required to be able to submit a grant application to the Football Association.

25/03/33 General Finance Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 28.02.25

25/03/34 Facilities Matters

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority vote with one abstention to accept the quotation from Gateway Automation for the maintenance contract of the barrier at Manor Park.

25/03/35

Security/Incidents

One of the picnic tables at the Muga site was set on fire by a group of youths. (reported to Council at the February meeting)

This was reported to the police Crime Reference number 24000687179.

The damage was calculated at £194.70

PC Toyn reported to the Clerk that due to the Muga's not being floodlit there is insufficient evidence on who caused the damage.

The youths involved have been identified and spoken to by the police but none of them would own up to who did the damage, so the police are unable to retrieve the money for the repairs.

25/03/36

Play Areas

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the items from Kompan to repair the outside gym equipment as identified in the Annual Play Area report.
- b) On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the items from B Knight to replace the rotting posts at the Skate Park as recommended on the Annual Play Area Inspection.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase from Glasdon the Yellow Topsy Bin for Ryland Road Play Area.
- d) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the signs from Allen Signs for Manor Park as recommended on the Annual Play Area Inspection.
- e) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to purchase the drop-down lockable post for the Skate Park Area to enable the grass cutting contractor to cut the grass.
- f) On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a majority vote (4 for and 1 against) to instruct Nordic Playground Institute to carry out the Annual Play Area Inspection for 2025.

25/03/37

Councillors Reports

None

Signed:

Date: