

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Tuesday 21st July 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), G Briggs, R Fletcher and A Bailey, Mr S Honey (Welton FC), Mr J Brown (Manager, Welton Sports & Social Club) Mr M Hubbert (Library and Community Hub)

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

26/07/24 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone and apologised for non-attendance at the previous scheduled meeting.

26/07/25 To Elect a Vice-Chairman

On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to defer the election of a Vice-Chairman to the next meeting.

26/07/26 Non-Councillor Member Co-Options

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to coopt Stuart Honey as the representative for Welton Football Club, James Brown as the representative for Welton Social Club and Mike Hubbart as the representative for the Library and Community Hub.

26/07/27 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Hornsey, Cllr Pikett and Cllr Fuller.

26/07/28 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26/07/29 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 23rd March 2026 were approved and signed as the minutes.

26/07/30 Clerk's Report

- The rates for Manor Park were re-evaluated by the Valuation office and there is now a charge of £800 per annum for Manor Park which is £80 per month.
- The climbing unit at Ryland Road was identified on the Annual Play Area Inspection to be rotting. The unit is under guarantee with Sovereign the supplier, and an inspector has been booked for w/k 17th July to come inspect the equipment.
- Machine Pitch have confirmed that the AGP should have another 5 years before the surface will need replacing.

26/07/31 Library & Community Hub Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 30.06.2026.

b) Mr Hubbert gave a report.

The Summer Reading Challenge has started with 68 already signed up which is 7 more than the whole period last year and twice the number from 3 years ago. Mr Hubbert thanked Hazel Bell for all her hard work in attending the school assemblies to promote and also Avril for the craft sessions which has encouraged more children to become involved.

A Community Library Open Day has been arranged for the 5th August.

Cllr Lowen also thanked Hazel and Mike Hubbert for all their work with the library.

c) The signing of the Lincolnshire Community Hub Charter for the period April 2026 - March 2031 was ratified by the committee.

26/07/32

Welton Sports & Social Club

a) Mr Brown reported that everything is going well.

The mesh that was laid down with the picnic tables has been removed for health and safety reasons and the benches have been made more sturdy.

Mr Brown has received a request from Lakeside butchers regarding Magna Radio holding a Barbeque showcase on the playing field on 29th August.

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to ask The Lakeside butcher to contact the Parish Council with the details and providing the public liability insurance and risk assessments are in place then Cllr Lowen and Cllr Briggs as Chairman of the Council can make a decision.

Mr Brown also informed the committee of a possible Armed Forces Day for the 26th June 2027. Cllr Briggs requested that Mr Brown supply a Calander of booked and proposed events at the playing field for the next meeting.

26/07/33

Welton Football Club

a) Mr Honey reported that they were in the process of registration for next season with a record 29 teams which is expected to increase further next year.

b) Mr Honey has a meeting with the Football Association next week to discuss the maintenance of the pitches.

c) The Football Club has purchased a new white lining machine which has minimal waste and can be disposed of by the football club so there is no need for a spill tray.

d) The SLA was signed by Mr Honey and Cllr Lowen for the 2026 – 2027 season.

e) There is no longer a need for the football club to hire a pitch at Ryland Road playing field as they have secured pitches at William Farr School.

26/07/34

General Finance Matters

Members received and noted the financial report to 30.06.2026.

26/07/35

Facilities Matters

a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED by a unanimous vote, to accept the quotation from Ian Moore Contracting to carry out the white lining and yellow disabled bays at Manor Park.**

b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to ratify the contract for the maintenance of the AGP to Machine Pitch for 2026/2027.**

c) On a proposal from Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from Nigel Smith for £606.00 for the jobs**

identified in the legionnaire risk assessment, which includes £157.50 for the annual service contract.

26/07/36 Security Incidents

- a) Incident of boy riding an electric bike in the children's play area was reported to police. Clerk to chase up police report on this incident. New no e bike signs or scooters have been ordered following this incident at a cost of £85.30.
- b) Incident reported on Monday 8th June of a boy deliberately tearing off the instruction sign on the bleed kit at Manor Park. Reported to police 8th June 2026. The amount of £25 has been reimbursed to the Council and a letter of apology has been received.
- c) Incident reported on Monday 8th June of removal of the new no e bike sign at Ryland Road Playing Fields

26/07/37 Play Areas

- a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to ratify order from Wicksteed for the new swing at Manor Park for £3938.01. Cllr Bailey requested that future quotations should have the supplier's environmental information supplied with the quotation details.

26/07/38 Ryland Road Playing Field

- a) The committee received the correspondence from a concerned resident regarding incidents that have taken place on the playing field, the Clerk had responded to the resident and no further action required.

26/07/39 Skate Park

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the new drawing of the proposed skatepark after further consultation with the users.

26/07/40 Councillors Reports
None

Signed:

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