

A meeting of the Facilities and Recreation Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 23rd March 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), D Pikett, M Fuller, G Briggs, R Fletcher, Mr J Hodges and Mr S Honey (Welton FC), Mr J Brown (Manager, Welton Sports & Social Club)

Deputy Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

Three members of the public present

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.

26/03/22 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone.

26/03/23 Apologies

There were no apologies received and Cllr Bailey and Mr M Hubbert were absent with no apologies given.

26/03/24 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26/03/25 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Fuller, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 26th January 2026 were approved and signed as the minutes.

26/03/26 Clerk's Report

- The annual service of the AGP took place on 23rd February, which showed that the entrance mat needed replacing. Due to the retesting of the pitch (for the Football Turf Register for the Football Foundation booked for the 3rd March) the Clerk used her emergency powers to purchase and install the new mat for £160.00.
- The AGP retest on the 3rd March passed and the pitch has been added to the register for a further three years. The Clerk was asked to check with the contractor on his thoughts on the current life expectancy of the pitch.
- The Clerk used her emergency powers to purchase a new CCTV camera for the AGP for £135.00
- An e mail was received from a member of the public with concerns about the dyke from Eagle Drive to Manor Park flooding due to being overgrown. The facilities team have checked the dyke and concluded that the undergrowth is not preventing the flow of water but will monitor the situation.
- The Clerk requested that the football club clear the shower and basin in the referee's room where they store their equipment so that the weekly legionnaires test can be conducted.

26/03/27 Library & Community Hub Matters

- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 28.02.2026.
- b) Mr Hubbert was not present to give a report.
- c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Hornsey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree to the purchase of the equipment for the library to the value of £470.24, there will also be an additional charge for an electrician to move the plug on the wall.

- 26/03/28** Welton Sports & Social Club
- a) Mr Brown reported that the CCTV cameras have been installed at the club.
There has been a few problems with the speed bumps for mobility scooters and Mr Brown is going to liaise with the Facilities Team to move them over to allow better access.
 - b) A copy of the SLA was signed at the meeting.
 - c) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree to the request from the Welton Sports and Social Football Club to hold a football tournament on Ryland Road playing field on the 20th June, providing all risk assessments and public liability documentation is issued to the Parish Council and confirmation that parking has been arranged at the village hall for visitors.
- 26/03/29** Welton Football Club
- a) Mr Hodges reported that games have restarted with the drier weather and they are catching up with the postponed games.
 - b) Mr Hodges is still in conversation with the Football Association concerning the maintenance of the pitches and the grant monies needed to be spent before the FA would consider any funding for drainage, the application is currently on hold.
 - c) The Clerk has not received any information from other football clubs on how they dispose of excess paint and water from the white lining machine. Mr Hodges has spoken to other clubs who dispose in the same way as Welton Football Club. Mr Hodges informed the committee that the Football Club has purchased a new electronic system which uses less paint and would not need to be washed out as regularly.
A member of the public wanted to speak and on a proposal from Cllr Hornsey seconded by Cllr Lowen and **RESOLVED** all in favour to suspend the meeting in accordance with standing orders at 8.04 and reconvened at 8.06.
 - d) The signing of the SLA was deferred to the next meeting to amend the maintenance of the field paragraph. Mr Honey will send the Clerk some new wording for approval from the Council.
- 26/03/30** General Finance Matters
- a) Members received and noted the financial report to 28.2.2026.
- 26/03/31** Facilities Matters
- a) On a proposal from Cllr Hornsey, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote, to accept the quotation from Gateway Automation for £220 for the annual service of the barrier at Manor Park.
- 26/03/32** Skate Park
- a) Two funding applications have been submitted by the Clerk to Sport England Movement Fund and FCC Communities Foundation. A meeting will be arranged between the Council and users of the Skatepark to discuss some amendments to the drawing.
- 26/03/33** Councillors Reports
None

Signed:

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