A meeting of the Facilities and Open Spaces Committee was held in the Pavilion, Manor Park Sports Club, Hackthorn Road, Welton on Monday 26th October 2026 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs A Lowen (Chairman), G Briggs, R Fletcher and A Bailey, Mr S Honey (Welton FC)

Clerk: Mrs Louise Gibbs

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.

26/10/22 Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the inaugural meeting of the new Facilities and Open Spaces Committee. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote following a request from Cllr Fletcher to move item 10b to the end of the agenda.

26/10/23 Apologies

On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Bailey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that apologies and reasons for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Hornsey and Pikett and Mr M Hubbert (Library and Community Hub).

26/10/24 Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

26/10/25 Minutes

On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the notes of the meeting held on 21st September 2026 were approved and signed as the minutes.

26/10/26 Clerk's Report

a) The Clerk informed the committee that the goal post owned by the Parish Council had been damaged and has been removed for Health and Safety reasons.

b) The Fun Buggy has been ordered from Wicksteed, but at a reduced cost as the Heras Fencing and welfare facilities have been removed from the quotation.

26/10/27 Terms of Reference

On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the revised Terms of Reference for the newly renamed Facilities and Open Spaces Committee.

26/10/28 Library & Community Hub Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 30.9.2026.

b) The draft 2027/2028 budget was considered and agreed, and a final decision will be made at Full Council on the 9th November.

c) Mr Hubbert was not present to give a report.

26/10/29 Welton Sports & Social Club

Mr Brown was absent and therefore no report was given.

26/10/30 Welton Football

a) The club has employed a person with a robot to do the line marking which is also able to do signage and logos. Verti-draining and seeding has been carried out.
The club is currently using one side of the pitches and resting the other which will hopefully enable the club to play all winter.

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b) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to agree to the new signage for the football club. 8.05pm Mr Honey left the meeting.

26/10/31 General Finance Matters

a) Members received and noted the financial report to 30.9.2026.

b) Consideration of the budget was moved to the end of the meeting.

26/10/32 Facilities Matters

Maintenance:

a) On a proposal from Cllr Lowen seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote, to accept the quotation from Nigel Smith Plumbing to replace the T&P valve on the boiler at Manor Park.

b) On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Fletcher, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from Nigel Smith Plumbing to service the boilers at Manor Park.

c) The committee received the report from the Clerk with regard to the AGP lights. The current bulbs are now obsolete, and the Clerk has submitted a grant request to West Lindsey to change the lights to LEDs. On a proposal from Cllr Fletcher, seconded by Cllr Bailey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote that the additional £2,121.75 will come from the Trading Account, if the grant is successful. If the grant application is unsuccessful the full amount will be sourced from ear marked reserves.

d) The quotation for new cameras for Manor Park was deferred to the next meeting, while the Clerk investigates further information.

Trees: On a proposal from Cllr Lowen, seconded by Cllr Briggs, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from Arborez for the tree work identified following the tree safety report.

26/10/33 Security Incidents

An incident of a youths graffitiing the skate park was reported to the police, but they have been unable to identify the culprits and the case has been closed.

26/10/34 Play Areas

On a proposal from Cllr Briggs, seconded by Cllr Bailey, it was **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to accept the quotation from MKM to hire Heras fencing so that the repairs can be carried out by Sovereign at the Ryland Road play area.

26/10/35 Skate Park

The Clerk has submitted the required quotation evaluation criteria to the funders, once this is accepted the funding agreement will be drawn up and signed, then the equipment can be ordered.

26/10/36 General Finance Matters

The draft budget for 2027/2028 was considered with an increase for gas from £2000 to £3000 and agreed; a final decision will be made at Full Council on the 9th November.

26/10/37 Councillors Reports

None

Signed: …… Date: ……

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