

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Community Centre on Monday 23rd March at 8pm.

Present: Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Angela Clear, Justin Gamblin, Jenny Hollis, Colin Roke

Parish Councillor Di Frost, five members of the Scout executive committee

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence:** Trevor Astbury
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items:** Sue Roger-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest as her daughter's house adjoins the recreation ground. Angela Clear declared a personal interest as her house is near to the recreation ground.
- 3 **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public:** none.
- 4 **Matters arising from the last meeting:** included below.
- 5 **Agenda**

5.1 To review the decision to invest all available Open Space Funding on the existing recreation ground in view of the anticipated acquisition of a 10 acre recreation ground site in Mill Lane and the need for substantial match funding to secure the necessary grants to develop the site for sports and recreation.

To make recommendation to Full Council following review with regard to:

Provision for Scouts

The Committee agreed that all available funding should not be used for a building on the recreation ground in view of the need for future funding for the Mill Lane site. In the light of this two options were agreed for the Scouts:

- **The Committee's preferred option that the Scouts wait for the land in Mill Lane to become available and pursue a joint building with the Parish Council.**
- **To permit the Scouts to build on the recreation ground where outline planning permission has been granted. This is the Scout's preferred option due to the uncertainty over time scales for the Mill Lane site.**

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the Scouts be permitted to build on the recreation ground where outline planning permission has been granted.

It is recommended that due to both personal and prejudicial interests among the Recreation and Planning Committee members that the approval of plans for the building be made by Full Council.

It is recommended that the approval of conditions on the lease and build, based on the risk assessment be made by Full Council.

Use of Open Space Funding

Expenditure and provision of new facilities for the existing recreation ground to be discussed further.

5.2 To receive update on proposal to take responsibility for Knowle village green, play areas, pavilion and recreation facilities. **Legal work to secure an appropriate contract between WCC/WPC and Berkeley is progressing.**

5.3 To discuss short term repairs/ improvements to the pavilion; play areas, kick about area, fence around tennis court. **It was agreed no expenditure should be made on the pavilion or tennis court. A replacement kickabout area is needed and further discussion on the possible replacement of the tennis court.**

5.4 To receive draft risk assessments for assets and new project proposals under the management of the Recreation Committee to be reviewed annually. **Agreed to recommend risk assessments to Full Council for approval and adoption.**

5.5 To review football pitch hire fees and make recommendation to Full Council for 2009/10 currently £40 for adults £15 for juniors. **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the pitch fees are not increased for 2009/10.**

6 Questions and comments from Councillors

It was noted that the work to the skatepark that was carried out following a grant application made by the users, has been completed.

Meeting closed 9.15pm