

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 4th November 2015 at 8pm.

Present: Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Trevor Astbury (Wickham Vice-Chairman), Adrian Brown (Knowle Vice-Chairman), Angela Clear, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Nick Guy, Tim Harper, Jon Taylor.

Barry Causer (Co-opted to Recreation Committee), Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Angela Clear.
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 4.2 1.4 as her husband works for Mitie and provided a quote for the hall redecorations.
- 3 **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.
- 4 **Agenda**

4.1 Wickham

1. To receive update from Wickham Community Tennis Club, Request from Club for help providing temporary accommodation. (Chairman) **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the remaining Open Space Fund of £40K is used towards a new club house for the tennis club. WCC has advised that the funds can not be held indefinitely and could be transferred elsewhere in Winchester.**

2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk) **The Clerk thanked the community centre staff for helping with managing the floodlights which it is hoped will reduce running costs.**

3. To progress proposal for new pavilion – update on feasibility study (Chairman) **See item 1 above.**

4. Report on play area and skatepark repairs and maintenance required (Clerk)
4.1 Anti-social behaviour issues in the community centre car park and recreation ground **A resident shutting the recreation ground gate overnight from time to time as agreed and part of the community centre rear car park is kept closed in the evenings to deter antisocial behaviour.**

5. To receive update on proposed 2015 Projects:

5.1 Inclusive swing for community centre play area (Chairman) **No further progress, agreed to remove from future agendas.**

5.2 Sale of Christmas trees on the recreation ground – feedback from Christmas 2014, to discuss plans for 2015 (Chairman) **No further news from the trader.**

4.2 Knowle

1. To review maintenance requirements for adopted areas and receive reports of other work required: football pitch, cricket pitch, skatepark, hard court, Greater Horseshoe Way, Victoria Mews, Consort Mews and Barbastelle Walk play areas. **Knowle Cricket Club has asked if the Parish Council will fund the maintenance of the square, this could cost in the region of £4-£6K a year and was previously carried out by team members following Parish Council grants of £6K+ towards the necessary machinery and tools. It was agreed that funding the square maintenance was unsustainable.**

Wickham Tennis Coach has requested maintenance to the Knowle multi-use games area. The use of the muga for tennis coaching on Saturday mornings was discussed and it was agreed a charge of £10/hr should be made. The displacement of young people wishing to play football and the additional maintenance costs from using the space as a tennis court were considered.

1.1 Lighting to car park (Clerk) **It was agreed that the Parish Council should have a policy not to light the car park due to both its proximity to houses and rural surroundings.**

1.2 Update on insurance claim for retractable bollards (Clerk) **No further news.**

1.3 Infinity pitch improvements update (Clerk)

a. Path to play area as standing area **Work completed.**

b. Proposal to carry out top dressing to improve pitch **Spiking due to take place shortly.**

1.4 To consider quotes for external redecorations and maintenance of Knowle Hall

Three quotes received:

1. **Dans Diamond Décor – white gloss to soffits and fascias only £440 no mention of access**
2. **Mitie – gutter repairs, white glossed timber and stained cladding £3,964 (access to be confirmed)**
3. **The Whiteley Handyman £3,400 + £3,600 for scaffold**

It was agreed to recommend to Full Council the appointment of Mitie to carry out the work.

- 5 **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
- 6 **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
- 7 **Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee** None.

Meeting closed 8.35pm