

# Wickham Parish Council

## Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Adrian Brown (Vice-Chairman Knowle), Angela Clear, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Simon Wernick.

Barry Causer, Alan Ediss, Joe Hoare Co-opted to Recreation Committee, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Nick Guy.
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** None.
- 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 (Chairman)
  - 1.1 Update on proposals for club house / extension to pavilion **First draft for an extension circulated, internal layout to be modified, the footprint and external elevations were approved.**
2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk)
  - 2.1 Update on remedial works **Remedial work completed on 24<sup>th</sup> August.**
3. To receive update on 2016 projects/issues:
  - 3.1 Basket swing for community centre play area (Clerk) **Work has started on site.**
  - 3.2 Repainting the tennis courts (Clerk) **Work completed as quotation.**
  - 3.3 New water main to pavilion (Clerk) **Work completed.**
  - 3.4 Managing unauthorised parking in the recreation ground (Clerk) **New signage has resolved the problem.**
  - 3.5 Review of policy for displaying banners on the recreation ground – request from Tennis Club (Chairman) **Agreed that the policy of allowing banners to promote Wickham events for two weeks prior to an event should continue to apply. Other than Wickham Festival only events by non profit making organisations can be advertised.**
  - 3.6 Tennis Club management / court issues (Co-opted member Alan Ediss) **Mr Ediss advised the committee of a number of complaints raised by the Tennis Club Chairman regarding the court painting. The comments were noted but it is not believed that there are any problems with the quality of the work or safety of the surface.**

**The tennis club chairman has put forward to the club committee a proposal for the club to be run by an outside body, suggesting Active Academy.**

**The Recreation Committee unanimously agreed that models for running the courts other than the current community club set up run by members would not be supported. It is understood that there have been a number of offers to take up committee roles with the tennis club.**

**3.7 Complaints from Wickham Dynamos FC (Clerk) Dynamos raised concerns regarding the length of grass prior to the start of league games. It was noted that grass will be cut to the required length for the first league game in September. Club to be asked to complete games by mid May and to not request friendlies until the last week of August to allow sufficient time for pitch maintenance and preparation for the new season. Club also to be offered use of pitches at Knowle if Wickham is unusable for any reason.**

**3.8 Proposal to place order with Playsafe for the installation of new support structure to recreation ground aerial runway for the sum of £3,508 + VAT (Clerk) Resolved, funded through the assets sinking fund.**

## **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.**

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

**1.2 Update on hall issues (Clerk) No unresolvable problems to report.**

**1.3 Hall lease surrender (Clerk) All original lease holders have signed the surrender papers.**

**1.4 Proposal to mark out / fit goal sockets for an adult / youth pitch in addition to junior pitches (space available as Cricket Club have left Knowle) (Clerk) Agreed to proceed.**

**1.5 Proposal to constitute a Knowle Committee to cover hall, sports facilities, play areas, Dean Copse and closed cemetery (Clerk) A number of Knowle residents have indicated they would be interested in attending locally held meetings and becoming more involved. Refer to next meeting.**

**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 8.55pm