

Wickersley Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee Meeting held on 10th February 2020, at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs: A Bates (Chairman), A Gibson, M Godfrey, T Nurse, M Scott and S Horsfield

In Attendance: C Lavell (Clerk)

390. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Phillips

391. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 7th October 2019

Resolved: The minutes of the meetings on 7th October 2019 for the Recreation and Wickersley Park Development Committees were approved.

392. To resolve if members of the press and public are to be excluded from any agenda items of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, S1 (2))

Resolved: No members of the press or public were in attendance.

393. To receive a financial update to 31st December 2019

Resolved: to accept the Financial Update.

394. To consider any issues arising at the Bob Mason Recreation Ground

394.1 Future of the Pavilion (including identification of any works)

Discussion regarding current use of the Pavilion, costs to run, needs of football teams , alternative uses etc to debate whether the parish get an appropriate return for the amount of money spent on the pavilion.

Wickersley are one of only a few facilities with a Pavilion, many having closed due to costs/lack of need. The current charge is £10 a game for both teams to use the facilities on top of a pitch charge of £45

The question was posed as to what it costs to provide these facilities and the amount of income received.

It was stated that when 6 teams were playing at Bob Maison only 2 teams paid to use the Pavilion.

Resolved to ask the 2 football teams what their requirements are and the importance of the provision of showers/changing facilities.

Resolved to undertake a financial assessment of costs and expenditure reference the above , over the preceding 3 year period

Furthermore it was stated that the recreation ground now only has 2 operational marked out football pitches as opposed to the previous 3. It was questioned whether

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the correct pitch had been taken out of action as it was anticipated the pitch nearest the houses would be the one decommissioned however this was not the case.

Resolved to investigate this further

The physical condition of the Pavilion was discussed, prices have been obtained for a total refurbishment , between £50,000 and £60.000. This was not considered to be a viable option.

It was **Resolved** to action repairs to the roof to make it watertight .following a recent leak. 3 companies to be approached as a matter of priority to fund the works within this financial year.

The use of the community payback team was considered as an option to help paint the interior of the Pavilion

The existence of an electrical certificate was questioned, this is to be checked and reported back at the April meeting.

It was requested the future use of the Pavilion is an agenda item at the April meeting.

394.2 Proposal to upgrade/improve play equipment (roll over budget)

Two items of play equipment have been identified by Jupiter (contractor for Wickersley Park Development) as reusable from Wickersley Park, the swings and roundabout. Jupiter have been asked for a price to relocate and refit at Bob Masion Recreation Ground.

Resolved that this will form part of the bid for the small projects additional monies at the forthcoming Parish council meeting.

Subject to availability of money from the roll over allocated or any new monies awarded it was **Resolved** to upgrade the play area, focusing on tidying up existing play equipment, ground surface cover, new litter bin etc

394.3 Overlining of pitch 2 during summer to 2 pitches

Resolved to action this to provide 2 five a side pitches for the summer.

394.4 Maintenance of bike track (roll over budget)

Resolved to undertake maintenance on the Bike Track with the allocated roll over monies

394.5 Proposal to upgrade path to side of county pitch

Resolved to use some of the roll over monies to stabilise the above path and cover with hardcore

394.6 Sports programmes, diversionary activities

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Resolved to ask Active Regen for a report regarding the activities provided in 2019, including attendance figures, activities provided, number and length of sessions etc

For 2020 a price proposal is to be requested for activities for the school summer holidays only and details of activities they would be providing.

Resolved to invite Active Regen to present the above report and proposal to the committee at 6.00 prior to the April 27th Recreation grounds Committee meeting..

395. Update on Wickersley Park Development

The development will begin the week after Easter ensuring the current play area is available for use during the school Easter holidays.

It is envisaged it will be completed within 6 weeks and by the May Spring Bank Holiday week.

The Chair explained that to bring the project in on budget all but the core play equipment/play area works had been removed. This impacts on planting schemes, fencing, litter bins, seating etc It is hoped community assistance will address these areas, eg provision and planting of plants, existing railings repainted etc. Jupiter to be asked to provide ideas for suitable planting schemes.

Solar lights and resurfacing of the paths were highlighted as items that were needed however it was acknowledged currently funding was not available.

An opening event is proposed for the Park redevelopment on the theme of a Picnic in the Park on July 11th and will replace the biannual Gala, subject to funding being agreed at the February Parish Council meeting. This needs to be promoted within the newsletter.

396 Play Equipment Inspection reports

The report from the last play inspection was discussed and all work needing attention is to be assessed,initially,by the handymen.

The bearings on the roundabout at Wickersley Park require replacing. Higgs (the manufacturer) to be contacted regarding this.

397. Grounds Maintenance contract, revision and tender.

The grounds maintenance contract is due for renewal and the current contractor has been undertaking work on an extended 1-year basis. This now needs to be resolved officially.

The Clerk to circulate to all Recreation Grounds and Environment committee members a copy of the current contract for their amendments. /comments.

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The Grounds maintenance schedule and contract to be circulated to Recreation committee members to enable their comments to be included in an updated contract

It was stated an increased number of grass cuts is required at Wickersley Park stating a height not exceeding 25mm and a regularity of not more than fortnightly to be included.

A 4 week consultation period is proposed to enable the specification to be updated prior to the contract going out to tender.

The meeting closed at 21.15

Signed.....
(Chair)

Date