



**Minutes of the R and E Committee Meeting held on
3 October 2023, at Wickersley Community Centre**

Members: Cllrs: A Bates (Chairman), P Beighton, C Grimes,
M Godfrey, K Phillips, M Scott, P Whitworth, J Robinson

In attendance: Cllrs: A Bates (Chairman), P Beighton, C Grimes,
K Phillips, P Whitworth, J Robinson

Additional attendees: J Whitworth (Assistant Clerk)

020 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs M Godfrey and M Scott

021 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 agenda items are to be confidential.

022 To approve the minutes of the Recreation and Environment Committee of 25th July 2023

There were a few grammatical errors and the date of the meeting was noted as being 26 when it should be 25th. The minutes were agreed and the Chair signed the minutes.

023 To note any matters arising from the Recreation and Environment Committee meeting of 25th July 2023

008 this item is still outstanding.

012.3 the marking out of the 9 x 9 pitch has now been done and there is a team signed up and using it.

012.4 this item is now completed.

012.5 Cllr Bates is wanting to look at the slide and also consider a youth shelter. This area of shelter is currently being used by youths and if the slide is taken out then they have no shelter. This needs exploring further and will be discussed later on in the meeting.

013.1 some bins and liners have now been ordered. Clerk Admin has been asked about the items for the gym equipment and has confirmed the items have been provided to the handymen, Assistant Clerk to check progress.

013.3 one of the solar lights isn't working, this has been reported to RMBC who have in turn reported this to the supplier. No response has been received to date.

013.4 RMBC have responded saying they use gates with RADAR locks.

Chairman initials:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials 'AB', is written over the page number.

016 there has been an issue with replacement of the bench at the corner of Morthen Road/Second Lane. This bench is a heavy bench. Cllr Bates suggests that this bench is replaced but that the current bench is repurposed at Bob Mason. More funding will be asked for in the next budget in order to put more benches in at Bob Mason and Wickersley Park now that the paths have been replaced.

018 the gulleys have been cleaned and this has resolved the flooding issue at Wickersley Park.

Action : Assistant Clerk to check progress regarding the gym equipment. Assistant Clerk to chase up for a response on the solar lights. Assistant Clerk to arrange for the bench replacement at Second Lane/Morthen Road.

024 To review and approve draft terms of reference for the Committee

This needs to be put with the previous Terms of Reference for both Recreation and Environment Committees to show which changes have taken place. It was noted that the minutes from the previous meeting weren't very clear to show which amendments had been done. Assistant Clerk to amend the TOR and to send it through to Committee members prior to it being put before the next full Parish Council meeting.

Action : Assistant Clerk to show on previous TOR which amendments have been done.

025 To consider any community matters from Councillors

Concerns were raised about car parking over the weekend near to Bob Mason. The Parish Council has no power to police this and any issues should be reported to the police. The users of Bob Mason ground should have keys and be using the car park. This is something which the Chair will be looking into and assistant clerk will send through the football fixtures to check the teams playing have the necessary permits and agreements in place.

Action : Assistant Clerk to send through the football fixtures to the Chair

026 To receive a financial update

The Chair suggested that finances should not come under one committee heading. Assistant Clerk will ask the Finance Clerk whether this could be done.

6	Tanyard Owner - Contribution	£0.00	£5,878.00	£5,878.00	£4,626.00	£1,252.00
7	Environment - Other Income	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
8	Total Environment	£0.00	£5,878.00	£5,878.00	£4,626.00	£1,252.00
	Bob Mason Income	£1,825.00	£900.00	£2,725.00	£2,250.00	£475.00
	Total Recreation Grounds	£1,825.00	£900.00	£2,725.00	£2,250.00	£475.00



Handypersons materials	£83.99	£0.00	£83.99	£1,500.00	£-1,416.01
Tanyard - refuse collection	£1,397.25	£1,956.00	£3,353.25	£2,800.00	£553.25
Tanyard toilets - Maintenance	£300.95	£300.00	£600.95	£1,000.00	£-399.05
Tanyard toilets - ground rent	£100.00	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Tanyard toilets - warden honorarium	£393.75	£131.25	£525.00	£525.00	£0.00
Tanyard toilets - non domestic rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tanyard toilets - water & electricity	£467.49	£655.00	£1,122.49	£1,350.00	£-227.51
Tanyard - rock salt / gritting	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00
Monthly gardening contract	£3,034.98	£3,034.98	£6,069.96	£9,000.00	£-2,930.04
Environment - other	£636.14	£0.00	£636.14	£1,500.00	£-863.86
Churchyard annual grant	£0.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£0.00
Total Environment	£6,414.55	£7,177.23	£13,591.78	£18,875.00	£-5,283.22
Recreation Grounds - General	£1,246.76	£220.50	£1,467.26	£4,200.00	£-2,732.74
Bob Mason Pavilion	£801.54	£801.00	£1,602.54	£3,200.00	£-1,597.46
Grounds Maintenance Contract	£5,997.80	£8,366.42	£14,364.22	£15,500.00	£-1,135.78
Wickersley Park Boundary Maintenance	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£-1,000.00
Recreation Grounds - Playground Repairs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£-3,500.00
Total Recreation Grounds	£9,546.10	£9,387.92	£18,934.02	£28,900.00	£-9,965.98

Discussions took place about the Tanyard owners contribution and it was agreed to contact the owners to ask for an increase due to increased rates.

Action : Assistant Clerk to contact the owners of the Tanyard to ask for an increase

027 To discuss matters pertaining to Bob Mason Recreation Ground including:

027.1 Recreation / Play area inspection report update

There are no items that require urgent repairs. It would be ideal to get any items repaired in winter when the equipment is not used as much. Assistant Clerk will liaise with the handymen regarding repairs they can do such as filling in holes. To replace items the cost would be around £10,000 per item.

027.2 Grounds Maintenance

There are no issues.

027.3 Users / Hirers

A number of football teams have now either signed up for permits or agreements to use the facilities. Assistant Clerk to see if any have now expired so the keys can be returned. Unfortunately, one team have lost their key so the result of this is that the locks and keys now need to be changed. This is something the Assistant Clerk needs to arrange.

027.4 Play equipment replacement priorities

Priorities were discussed and the priority would be the slide. Discussions regarding this took place and also about the re-installation of the Youth shelter. It was suggested that this issue should perhaps be a consultation, perhaps both with Wickersley School and also the general public so all views are considered.

Action : Assistant Clerk to liaise with the handymen regarding the play inspections. Assistant Clerk to look through the football to update whether permits have expired and also costs to arrange for locks replacing.

028 To discuss matters pertaining to Wickersley Park, including:

028.1 Recreation / Play inspections report update

There are no urgent matters to deal with. Assistant Clerk to liaise with the handymen to go through the work required.

028.2 Grounds Maintenance

There are no issues to report

028.3 Refurbishment of footpath update

The footpath is finished and the Chair is meeting with the company later this week to sign it off. There is a lot of damage which has been caused, due to the weather, but this will be put right. There are 2 stacks of soil which can be used to fill in gaps around the play equipment.

028.4 To consider a request from a member of the public for baby swing seat

A request has been made for a baby swing seat. Assistant Clerk to obtain a price for 2 baby swing seats to go on the existing frame within the caged area.

028.5 Vandalism issues

There has been some graffiti in Wickersley Park. There is some spray paint remover that needs to be applied, brushed in then washed off, the Chair has the equipment to do this but it will need to be done when the ground is not as wet. The police are aware of the situation.

Action : Assistant Clerk to liaise with the handymen regarding the play inspection report. Assistant Clerk to obtain quote for 2 x baby swing seats.

029 Towns and Villages Consultation Fund Update

This was discussed and confirmed what work is taking place. It was suggested that a stone planter be placed on a piece of land that is across from the Co-Op at the end of the Tanyard. If it was placed in the centre of that land then it would deter people parking on it. With regards to the power supply, it is hoped to get one installed within the Heritage Garden. A proposal with regards to this will be put to full council, all the committee agreed this proposal. In respect of the new planters the committee asked who would be responsible for them and this is something that needs to be confirmed.

030 To discuss 10 year planning

The gardening contract needs to be reviewed separated into sections as this is due for renewal Apr/May 2024. There are some dead trees in the village which have been reported to RMBC. Some of the hanging baskets around the village are obscured and possibly need relocating to areas which are not as colourful, Cllr Beighton will have a look at them to see if they could be put anywhere else. The Chair asked for suggestions as to what to do with the concrete pad at Wickersley Park. Suggestions were for a skatepark, or an area for basketball. It needs to be something for the good of the village. The Chair is also wanting to look at turning the Millennium Meadow into an orchard planting some native fruit trees. The Chair is also looking at increasing the Christmas lighting and also installing some winter lighting. The chair suggested having an open house meeting with businesses and the local community to improve engagement.

Meeting closes.

The meeting closed at 20:20

Signed
(Chair) 

Date 27/02/2024

