

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 12th October commencing at 7.45pm.

Present: Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Colin Roke (Vice-Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Carter, Angela Clear, Di Frost, Justin Gamblin, Jenny Hollis

Malcolm Burt representing Wickham Dynamos and Wickham Cricket Club, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** none.
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** Sue Roger-Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items referring to material changes to the recreation ground as a relative owns property adjoining the land. Angela Clear declared a personal interest in the recreation ground as a resident of Manor Close.
- 3 **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
- 4 **Agenda**

Knowle

4.1 To receive update on proposal to take responsibility for Knowle village green, play areas, pavilion and recreation facilities and to discuss future management.

Winchester City Council and Berkeley have yet to sign the construction contract, the Parish Council's solicitor expects this to take place during the week commencing 12th October.

4.2 Proposal to plan, assist / lead sports development projects for Knowle. **KCBA's next Sports Committee meeting is due to be held in early November. Malcolm Burt reported that the Knowle v Wickham cricket event was very successful, about 400 local people attended and new cricketing friends have been made.**

Wickham

4.3 To receive update on plans for short term repairs/ improvements to the recreation facilities: pavilion; play areas, kick about area, fence around tennis court & skatepark

4.3.1 To receive update on pavilion maintenance **Work to upgrade the pavilion is progressing well, most of the internal refurbishment is complete and is well within budget.**

4.3.2 To receive update on options, plans and fundraising progress for new MUGA on recreation ground. **Siting a two tennis court sized MUGA (37 x 37m) and the new Scout HQ is going to be a challenging exercise. Good practice advises that the MUGA should be floodlit and 30m from residential areas creating few options for it siting. It was agreed that the Committee should continue to plan for the MUGA.**

4.3.3 Proposal to investigate request from young people to extend skatepark onto adjoining green area. Proposal to recommend to Full Council that it underwrites a £5,000 contribution towards skatepark to allow grant applications to proceed. **Agreed to recommend to Full Council, Open Space Funding can be used for the contribution if necessary.**

4.3.4 Proposal to install new access barrier at entrance to recreation ground. **It was agreed to research and obtain quotes for a new barrier as the existing gate is dangerous for users.**

4.3.5 Proposal to make good site of Scout HQ with topsoil and reseed. **It was agreed to carry out this work using remaining funds from the pavilion refurbishment. Cost £1050 + VAT**

4.4 Proposal to prepare and implement a sports development programme for existing and new sports facilities – referred back to committee following lead councillor resignation. **It was agreed that this should be carried out by the Strategic Projects Committee.**

4.5 To discuss options for use and management of new land in Mill Lane should it become available as item 4.4 above. **It was agreed that this should be carried out by the Strategic Projects Committee.**

4.5.1 Proposal to form informal partnership with Waltham Wolves Football Club to plan facilities for Mill Lane. **Agreed with reference to 4.5.**

- 5 **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** Continue to monitor.
- 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** A copy of a letter from Rookesbury confirming that land in Mill Lane will be released for recreation use if development is permitted north of The Circle was circulated to all councillors.

Meeting closed 9pm