

# Wickham Parish Council

## Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7pm.

**Present:** Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Trevor Astbury, Mike Carter, Angela Clear, Justin Gamblin, Jenny Hollis

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

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Di Frost, Colin Roke (Vice Chairman)
- 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. Nicki Oliver declared a personal interest in agenda item 4.3.1 as her husband prepared the MITIE quote for the pavilion refurbishment.
- 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. **The Parish Council has signed all the documents necessary for the transfer of land to proceed, WCC still has requests to Berkeley for information on the building contract outstanding. KCBA is looking to prepare a business plan for the new building for the Parish Council's approval. Members of KCBA have been invited to attend Recreation Committee meetings.**

4.2 Proposal to plan, assist / lead sports development projects for Knowle. **A cricket match and community event is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> September. Members welcomed news that KCBA has a newly formed sports and social committee.**

### 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 quotations for agreed repairs and maintenance to the pavilion to secure at least another five year's usage and agree contractor to carry out work. **It was agreed to place the order with Joe Smith for the refurbishment work subject to a suitable time scale for completing the work. The agreed budget not to exceed £12,000. The extent of some of the floor repairs will not be evident until the area is opened up.**

4.3.2 To receive update on plans and fundraising progress for new MUGA on recreation ground. Grant opportunities to be researched **Chairman, Trevor Astbury, Angela Clear and Jenny Hollis to progress.**

4.3.3 Proposal to investigate request from young people to extend skatepark onto adjoining green area – grant funding would be required together with permission of Wickham Community Association. **It was agreed to make a formal request to WCA for permission for an extension to the skatepark and to research grant opportunities. Action Clerk**

4.4 Proposal to prepare and implement a sports development programme for existing and new sports facilities. **It was agreed to delegate this project to Cllr Michael Sadler-Forster, Lead Councillor for the planning and development of sports facilities on the Mill Lane site, overseen by the Strategic Projects Committee. Remove from future Recreation Committee agendas.**

4.5 To discuss options for use and management of new land in Mill Lane should it become available. **It was agreed to delegate this item to Cllr Michael Sadler-Forster, Lead Councillor for the planning and development of sports facilities on the Mill Lane site, overseen by the Strategic Projects Committee. Remove from future Recreation Committee agendas.**

- 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** None

Meeting closed 8.25pm