

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 8th February at 7.35pm.

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

Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** None.
- 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**

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.

Completion of legal agreements between Berkeley/WCC and WPC are conditional on Berkeley settling the Parish Council's final legal bill which remains unpaid. Work to relocate the bunds around the skatepark will take place in April. KCBA and KVRA are dealing with fire regs problems for the existing village hall which may reduce the number of people permitted to use the building for events.

4.2 Proposal to plan, assist / lead sports development projects for Knowle **Chairman to attend next KCBA meeting to discuss current projects.**

Wickham

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

Play area repairs are required as follows:

1. Recreation Ground: Trail blazer ropes need replacing. **Agreed to obtain quotes for replacement.**
2. Recreation Ground: kickabout area goal post has been damaged by being moved onto the goal area of the pitch. It is beyond repair and does not meet current safety regs. **Agreed not to replace until Scout HQ and MUGA completed.**

3. Community Centre play area: soft patch of safer surfacing at the bottom of slide needs replacing. **Agreed to obtain quotes for replacement.**

4. Rear of Community Centre: back plates to basket ball nets have been dismantled and urgently need replacing as dangerous. **Agreed to place order for repairs immediately on a daywork basis (EJ Services) funded through Recreation contingencies.**

4.3.1 To receive update on options, plans and fundraising progress for new MUGA on recreation ground. To define and agree roles and responsibilities to progress project. **Ongoing refer to next meeting.**

4.3.2 To receive update on proposal to extend the skatepark **Results of grant application should be available during February.**

4.3.3 To receive update on Scout HQ proposals from Cllr Clear **The Scout's Chairman has written to advise that a planning application has been made. Scouts to be asked to provide a copy of plans for the Council.**

4.3.5 To consider estimates from Paul Collins for tree surgery

1. Rear 17 Manor Close, reduce by 40% and reshape oak and beech £580 **Agreed to place order.**

2. Reshape trees behind aerial runway £450 **Agreed to leave for now.**

3. Take down poplar in play area and clear away £525 **Agreed not required.**

5 To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit Copies of risk assessments approved 20th April 2009 to be recirculated to members for information.

6 Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available Plans for the MUGA to be publicised in the summer Parish Magazine that is delivered to all residents.

7 Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee None.

Meeting closed 8.22pm