

# Wickham Parish Council

## Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Angela Clear (Vice-Chairman), Marie du Boulay, Di Frost, Jenny Hollis.

Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Justin Gamblin, Nick Guy
- 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**

### 4.1 Wickham

1. To receive update from Wickham Community Tennis Club (Clerk) **A new coach has been appointed with expertise in both tennis coaching and fitness training. Junior sessions for the youngest members will be held at either Wickham Centre or Knowle Village Hall for the first three months of the year.**

2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk) **The all weather pitch was formally opened on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Pitch management is being carried out by the Clerk, Groundsman Paul Collins and Mark Lewis the school caretaker.**

3 .To Receive update on pavilion risk assessment for legionella and new boiler (Clerk) **Water systems being flushed weekly.**

4. To progress proposal for new pavilion, quote for feasibility study for next year's precept request (Chairman) **Clerk has obtained two budget costings, one for a substantial timber pavilion for £200K, a brick and tile equivalent would cost in the region of £350K. There is £59K remaining in the Open Space Fund that could contribute towards the cost.**

5. To receive update on poor behaviour on the recreation ground **No Police reports have been received but the residents adjoining the recreation ground would still like the kickabout goal moved or removed. It was noted there isn't an alternative location for the goal on the recreation ground.**

6. To note play area and skatepark repairs and maintenance required (Clerk) **Cradle swing seats need to be replaced to the toddler swings on the recreation ground due to wear and tear. Supply only cost of £288 to be funded by the budget for asset replacement (£20K)**

7. To consider new projects for 2013/14 precept request  
Replacement of 'wet pour' safety surface to Community Centre play area and recreation ground toddler play area **Estimated cost £8K. It was agreed to investigate extending the play area and adding additional equipment. Action Chairman to select equipment. Will need to be funded through the budget for asset replacement see item 6 above.**  
Resurface metal skatepark ramps

#### 4.2 Knowle

1. To review maintenance requirements for adopted areas and receive reports of other work required: football pitch, cricket pitch, skatepark, MUGA, Victoria Mews, Consort Mews and Barbastelle Walk play areas (Clerk) **The football pitch continues to mature and should be ready for use by September this year. KCBA has been asked for views on whether ball stop fences are required for the pitch, permanent and moveable options have been provided for consideration.**

**To meet safety requirements the damaged springers in the Consort Mews and Barbastelle play areas need to be replaced. Supply only cost £682 + delivery (Playground Markings Direct) and £600.60 respectively (HAGS). The cradle swing seats in Consort Mews also need replacing supply only cost £288 (HAGS) to be funded from the Knowle commuted sum for open spaces.**

2. To receive up date on resolution to adopt the Greater Horseshoe Way play area following upgrading as requested by Radian Housing (Clerk) **The Clerk has written to Radian advising that the Parish Council will adopt the play area after it has been upgraded, response awaited.**

3. To receive up date on emergency tree work to various trees affecting residential properties (Clerk) **Planning permission has been granted to cut back three trees adjoining No 75 Greater Horseshoe Way to within a metre of the house.**

4. Proposal to plant a hedge to the boundary of the village green from the entrance to Knowle Avenue to the entrance gates to the village hall car park funded through the Knowle commuted sum (Clerk) **Quote requested from Paul Collins, it was agreed planting should take place in the autumn.**

5. To consider new projects for 2013/13 precept request. **A proposed sum of £5,000 has been included in the precept for 2013/14 for Knowle projects.**

- 5 To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** All outstanding play area repairs identified by OCS as urgent are in hand.
- 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**

Biscoes Solicitors have offered £500 to display two signs on the recreation ground fence. It was agreed that the signs were not appropriate and permission should be refused.

Meeting closed 8pm