

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 6th March 2013 at 8.30pm.

Present: Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Angela Clear (Vice-Chairman), Justin Gamblin, Di Frost, Jon Taylor.

Parish Councillor Thérèse Evans, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Marie du Boulay, Nick Guy, Jenny Hollis.
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items** Cllrs Clear and Roger-Jones declared personal interests as neighbours of Wickham Recreation Ground, Cllrs Clear, Roger-Jones and Gamblin declared interests as trustees of Wickham Community Centre.
- 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) **The Club held its second AGM on 27th February. Clerk to circulate the annual report to all councillors.**
2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk) **The Clerk, groundsman Paul Collins and the school's caretaker are managing the pitch.**
 - 2.1 To consider request to use the pitch by the Youth Club **It was agreed the Youth Club should be able to book the pitch from 6-7pm on a Thursday starting at the beginning of April at the same rate as other clubs.**
3. To progress proposal for new pavilion (Chairman) **After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that a consultation should be arranged with the users. Both the tennis and football clubs have indicated an interest in improved facilities. A drawing of a possible pavilion was shown to councillors which had been sent in by one of the tennis club committee members. The clerk was asked to start searching for possible grants in addition to the ones that the chair had given to her. It was noted that council should get some extra Open Space money if the McCarthy & Stone development and the redevelopment of the old Doctor's surgery site go ahead.**
4. To receive update on poor behaviour on the recreation ground **No further reports have been received but it is understood the resident is keeping records of incidents.**

5. To note play area and skatepark repairs and maintenance required (Clerk) **All necessary repairs and maintenance have been completed.**

Larger signs for dog control are needed for the recreation ground including one for the Manor Close entrance. Action Clerk.

6. To review pitch hire fees currently £40 for adults; £20 for juniors. **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that pitch hire fees be increased from September 2013 to £45 for adults and £25 for juniors.**

7. To receive update on proposed 2013/14 Projects:

1. Replacement of 'wet pour' safety surface to Community Centre play area and recreation ground toddler play area (Chairman)
2. New play equipment to the Community Centre play area
3. Resurface metal skatepark ramps

Quotes are being sought for the above works.

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) **Replacement springers for Barbastelle Walk and Consort Mews play areas have been delivered and are awaiting installation.**

Large No Dogs signs to be provided for the hard court where dog fouling is a persistent problem. Action Clerk.

2. To receive up date on resolution to adopt the Greater Horseshoe Way play area following upgrading as requested by Radian Housing (Clerk) **Response from Radian still awaited.**

3. To receive up date on emergency tree work on various trees affecting residential properties (Clerk) **Work has been completed.**

4. To receive update on 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) **Refer to next meeting, partial quote has been received, more information required.**

6 To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit None.

7 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.

8 Recent correspondence/ reports from meetings attended of relevance to this committee

- WCC Open Space Fund closing April 2015, Wickham has a balance of £61K to be spent on sports or youth facilities **The Council's Sports Development Plan to be forwarded to WCC as evidence of plans for expenditure.**
- Knowle – proposal to site fish and chip van in the village hall car park on Fridays 5-8pm **Agreed in principle, fee to be negotiated.**

KCBA has advised that they do not wish to have goal 'backstops' installed on the Knowle football pitch.

In response to WCC's request KCBA has also advised they do not want recycling bins in Knowle Village Hall car park.

Meeting closed 9.10pm