

# Wickham Parish Council

## Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2014 at 7.30pm.

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

Co-opted member Mark Cornick, Parish Clerk Nicki Oliver.

- 1 **To receive apologies for absence** Nick Guy, Tim Harper.
- 2 **To receive declarations of interest on agenda items**
- 3 **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public**
- 4 **Agenda**

### 4.1 Wickham

1. To receive update from Wickham Community Tennis Club (Clerk) **Membership continues to grow and coaching sessions are well attended.**
2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk) **The majority of bookings have ceased until the autumn.**
3. To progress proposal for new pavilion – update on feasibility study (Chairman) **Plans from Axis Architecture were circulated.**
4. To note play area and skatepark repairs and maintenance required (Clerk)
  - 4.1 Recreation ground basket swing. **The basket swing needs replacing as wire in the ropes has become exposed.**
5. To receive update on proposed 2014/15 Projects:
  - 5.1 To receive budgets for estimated expenditure on assets over the next 10 years **Calculations received, to be reviewed and updated annually.**
  - 5.2 Resurface metal skatepark ramps: to receive quotations for refurbishment or replacement. (Clerk) Quotes for refurbishment and replacement were reviewed. **It was agreed to recommend to Full Council that the ramps and surfacing are replaced at a cost of £33,916 + VAT funded by precepted budget for asset replacement and Open Space Funds. Consultation to take place with users over the summer holidays.**
  - 5.3 Inclusive swing for community centre play area (Chairman) **Chairman to investigate possibility of Open Space and HPFA grant funding towards the swing.**

## 4.2 Knowle

1. To review maintenance requirements for adopted areas and receive reports of other work required: football pitch, cricket pitch, skatepark, hard court, Victoria Mews, Consort Mews and Barbastelle Walk play areas.

Open space management issues, goal storage, parking, unauthorised pitch use, car park bollards, car park and hall shrub beds, lighting to car park, event bookings and management plans. (Chairman/Clerk) **Goals to stay up; football teams to stagger start times for the new season to reduce parking issues; an insurance claim has been received for damage to a car alleged to have been caused by one of the retractable bollards; Widley Landscapes are maintaining the car park and hall shrub beds on a trial basis; it was agreed to research solar lights for the path to the hall. A local fundraising organisation is holding a community event on the village green on 31<sup>st</sup> August, parking in a nearby field has been arranged.**

2. To receive update on resolution to adopt the Greater Horseshoe Way play area following upgrading as requested by Radian Housing (Clerk) **Some progress has been made, the solicitors for both parties are liaising.**

3. 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) **The hedge has been planted.**

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

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**

Recreation Ground hedge cutting request **A resident of Manor Close has asked that the recreation ground hedge adjoining her property is not cut. It was agreed the hedge needs to be cut to maintain a uniform height along its length. An offer to cut the long grass 'buffer' to a shorter length in front of the hedge to be made to try and reduce anti-social behaviour.**

**It was also agreed to send a 'hedge' letter to a resident of Mayles Close as the hedge is overhanging the pavement in Manor Close.**

Meeting closed 8.45pm