

Wickham Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held at Wickham Centre on Wednesday 3rd September 2014 at 8.05pm.

Present: Sue Roger-Jones (Chairman), Angela Clear (Vice-Chairman), Di Frost, Jenny Hollis, Justin Gamblin, Tim Harper.

- 1 To receive apologies for absence** Nick Guy, Jon Taylor.
- 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) **There are currently about 300 members. The coaching programme restarts this weekend. The Club is taking part in the Taste of Wickham Festival.**
2. To receive update on the management of the all weather pitch (Clerk) **Quotes for maintenance to be circulated. Action Clerk.**
3. To progress proposal for new pavilion – update on feasibility study (Chairman) **The Chairman is researching grant opportunities. The pavilion gas boiler has been condemned following a recent inspection. A quote for replacement electric boilers to supply the showers to be circulated.**
4. Report on play area and skatepark repairs and maintenance required (Clerk) **Minor repairs are being carried out to all play areas. A quote for removing a dead sycamore and reducing the height of the poplars in the recreation ground play area was received. It was agreed to remove the poplars completely.**
The overhead entrance barrier to the recreation ground has been damaged and will need repairing or replacing. A new barrier in the car park to allow groundman's access onto the recreation ground is required.
5. To receive update on proposed 2014/15 Projects:
 - 5.2 Refurbishment or replacement of metal skateramps. (Clerk) **A third comparison quote is awaited.**
 - 5.3 Inclusive swing for community centre play area (Chairman) **The Chairman has begun consultation with potential users.**

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.

Lighting to car park, football pitch improvements (Chairman/Clerk) **Solar lighting options have been researched but are unlikely to be successful.**

The football pitch has been extended to accommodate a new booking: Infinity FC a Hampshire League team. This will benefit the finances of Knowle Village Hall and help fund the maintenance of the pitch.

Minor repairs are being carried out to the Consort Mews and Barbastelle Walk play areas. Both need further investment including new fences; bow top galvanised fencing is suggested for longevity. Other work required includes topping up the bark surfacing and replacing the tower roofs to the Barbastelle Walk play area.

2. To receive update on resolution to adopt the Greater Horseshoe Way play area following upgrading as requested by Radian Housing (Clerk) **Ongoing.**

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

Manor Close hedge cutting request – update. **It was agreed the resident adjoining Manor Close could cut the boundary hedge prior to the hedge contractor visiting but a uniform height is required.**

Meeting closed 8.50pm