



Wickham and Knowle Parish Council

Recreation Committee

Minutes of the Extraordinary Recreation Committee held at Knowle Village Hall

Thursday 8th February 2024, 7pm

Committee members present:

Councillors; Nic Holladay (Chair), Robert Broad (Vice-Chair), Craig Manuel, Loraine Rappe, Sheila Chambers, Kathryn Holladay, Malcolm Burt

In Attendance: Tracey Molloy, Locum Clerk

Members of the Public: 3

1. **Apologies for absence** – Councillor Phillips-Lee
2. **Declarations of interest on Agenda**
Councillor Burt – Declared interest in Mill Lane (4.1 – 4.5)
3. **Public Session** – 3 members of public were in attendance to observe and input into the discussions around Mill Lane. One member of public having read the options FieldForm costed requested that the Parish Council consider a third option, which is to do nothing on the site. District Councillor Chris Chamberlain asked for clarification around the decision-making process and it was explained that any outcomes from this meeting will go to the next Full Council for sign off/approval in March.

4. Mill Lane

4.1. **Outputs from FieldForm stages 1 – 3:** Received

4.2. **Implications of the FieldForm outputs and recommendations/decisions arising**

RESOLVED: Following the review of FieldForm's Stage 1 Capital expenditure report it was agreed that the option of a 3G pitch would no longer be considered due to concerns around the affordability and subsequent impact that would have on the parish council and residents.

The Council agreed they want to put forward a realistic, on-budget option that can be achieved in a phased approach, and that their priority is to Wickham Dynamos who are the only Wickham based football team.

To achieve this, the following recommendations are to be made to Full Council in March:

- The Recreation Ground pitch including drainage, and Pavilion to be upgraded, and the site decluttered.
- The Mill Lane site levelled, grassed and car park built.
- Once these items have been formally costed and remaining budget identified, the Parish Council can look at what sports assets can be installed at Mill Lane within budget and will consult with residents on these options.

To achieve these recommendations the following needs to be actioned:

- Firm up capital costs for the plateau work, car park and Rec improvements/upgrades.



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- Find out if CIL money for Mill Lane can be used for upgrading the Recreation ground.
- Clarify what sports assets the Mill Lane CIL money could cover.
- Confirm with the Recreation Ground landowners they would agree to an upgraded pavilion installed.

Proposed: Councillor Manuel
All in favour

Seconded: Councillor K Holladay

4.3. **FieldForm Stages 4 - 6 proposals:** Item deferred.

4.4. **Market Research tender brief:** No changes to the brief at this time.

4.5. **Joint traffic survey with Wickham Surgery**

RESOLVED: To better understand the impact various sports options will have on Mill Lane, along with future changes to Wickham Surgery following the development of Welborne, a possible traffic survey was discussed. It was agreed that a quote from TPA considering both elements would be sought and considered at a future meeting.

Proposed: Councillor Broad

Seconded: Councillor K Holladay

5 in favour

1 abstain

4.6. **Wickham Rec**

4.6.1. **Pavilion upgrade update:** Covered in item 4.2

4.6.2. **Pitch drainage improvement proposals:** Item deferred

Meeting Closed, 8.45pm

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Date..... 29/02/24.....