



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 14th February 2022** at 7pm

This meeting was held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Gravel Hill, Wombourne, WV5 9HA.

Present – Committee Members-

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Mike Davies (Chairman), Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey, Alan Peace (Vice-Chairman), John Pike, Mary Roberts, Daisy Tait.

Present – Non-Committee Members-

Councillor(s): Vince Merrick, Martin Perry

Absent without apologies-

Councillors: Elizabeth Keeling, Robert Reade

Clerk: Rachael Wright

11/22 – Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies and Claire McIlvenna.

12/22 – Declarations of Interest

None.

13/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 24th January 2022

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

14/22– Matters arising from the minutes of 24th January 2022

None.

15/22 – Brickbridge Playing Fields

- a) Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members a site visit had been conducted, and work had begun on site. The cable to the pole could be pulled freely, which will save both time and money. The extension from the pole will mean the camera can do a full 360-degree turn, but for safeguarding, does not have the facility to look through windows. Wombourne All Stars intend to use the 4-channel box to install a camera above the defibrillator. Work should be completed in a few weeks' time.
- b) Members considered the request for Saturday league football and the re-naming of Brickbridge Playing Fields as set out in an email from Wombourne All Stars. It was agreed that no decision on the Saturday league football should be made until the outcome of the lease consultation was agreed, and given the volume of residents who are keen to keep the area as a public open space, and consideration for other users of the playing fields (including Wombourne Wanderers, dog walkers and families), the Council would not permit the re-naming of the park to Allstars Park.

16/22 – Bratch Park

Councillor Alan Peace informed Members he had conducted a site visit and found the standard of work around the trampoline was not acceptable. The ground around the trampoline was still soft in some places. The Clerk

informed Members she had reported this back to Proludic and was waiting to hear about a site visit to address the issue.

He also informed Members he had looked at the strimmer damage to the wooden supports and would suggest metal casing to put around them to prevent future damage.

17/22 – Poolhouse Play Area

Members agreed any new equipment should be natural and in keeping with the equipment already in place. They agreed Councillor Bond’s idea of a roundabout or something to incorporate ‘spin’ element of play. The Chairman asked the Clerk to source details of some play companies who could meet this criterion.

18/22 – ROSPA Reports

The Chairman noted some work was required following the ROSPA inspections. Members agreed to Full Council considering the request to move the £2500 for repairs following ROSPA reports to earmarked reserves to enable them to get the repairs done when the weather improves.

19/22 – Village toilets

Members noted their disappointment in the ongoing vandalism to the toilets. They agreed whilst repairs were being conducted the toilets should remain closed to coincide with half term holidays. The Clerk explained she had emailed Wombourne High School to inform them of the anti-social behaviour, and the Headteacher had suggested she could volunteer some students to clean up the graffiti and re-paint the toilet doors. Members agreed this was a good idea and asked the Clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

20/22 – S106 money

It was agreed Councillors Mike Davies, Barry Bond MBE, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey, and Claire McIlvenna would form a working group to look at how best to spend the S106 money due from Beggars Bush and Giggetty Lane developments.

The meeting closed at 7.49pm.

Signed:

Dated: