



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 24th January 2022** at 7pm

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

Present – Committee Members-

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

Present – Non-Committee Members-

Councillor(s): Vince Merrick, Martin Perry

Clerk: Rachael Wright

Councillor Alan Peace chaired the meeting until 04/22.

01/22 – Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies and Mary Roberts.

02/22 – Declarations of Interest

None.

03/22 – Appointment of Chairman

Councillor Dan Kinsey nominated Councillor Mike Davies to be Chairman of the Committee following Ken Upton's resignation from the Parish Council, noting he had been Chairman of the Committee previously and with the work to be done in negotiating the lease to Brickbridge Playing Fields, and the S106 funding due to be received, it required someone with experience to take the Committee forward.

Councillor Barry Bond seconded the proposal and all Members were in favour.

Councillor Mike Davies accepted the position, asking for the Committee's thanks to Ken Upton for his service to be recorded.

04/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 22nd November 2021

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

05/22– Matters arising from the minutes of 22nd November 2021

None.

06/22 – CCTV at Brickbridge Playing Fields

- a) Members considered the proposal from Wombourne All Stars and agreed to accept it, noting they would have to liaise with Councillor Dan Kinsey on the installation of the new cameras.
- b) Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members a site survey would shortly be taking place to investigate how the cable goes underground to the CCTV pole. He would shortly be in receipt of an update on costs since the cost of parts was fluctuating, but assured Members that the installation would remain free.

07/22 – Lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields

- a) Members agreed to consider the proposal from Wombourne All Stars in March, in accordance with their ongoing timetable.
- b) The Clerk informed Members according to the signing in sheet, only 4 people attended the open afternoon/evening on 20th January 2022. Despite this, all Members agreed it was an important part of the process which needed to be done.

Councillor Barry Bond informed Members a resident from Penn Common attended on behalf of Wombourne All Stars to find out how Brickbridge Playing Fields could be developed so that they could join the adult West Midlands league. He noted it would put demand on the facilities, and would require upgraded pitches, enlarging the car park, re-building the changing rooms and have a proper referees room, a social facility where refreshments could be sold, seating for spectators which would require improvement to the banking at the playing fields, as well as securing the pitches. He informed Members, in Lower Gornal this type of set up means that the pitches can be hired out at £900 per game.

Councillor Alan Peace informed Members that one other resident attended with her mother who lives outside of Wombourne. She has initially been interested in the lease at the playing fields to create a community hub, but has since made enquiries about the office to let at the Civic Centre.

- c) Members noted the timetable for the consultation.

08/22 – Bratch Park

The Clerk informed Members that the reinstatement of the ground around the trampoline should be taking place in the coming week and once it was completed, the Committee had agreed for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to complete a site visit to sign off the work for payment. She noted ROSPA picked up on the issue and therefore the work was required.

09/22 – Poolhouse Play Area

The Chairman noted that the park was looking a little sad and suggested work needed to be done to improve the park. Councillor Barry Bond reminded the Chairman of the importance of the sand in the play area, in line with the play builder concept which includes digging.

10/22 – S106 money

The Clerk informed Members that 25% payment of £19k should be forthcoming shortly from the Beggars Bush development to improve community facilities in the village, but that the £10k from Giggetty Lane earmarked for Poolhouse Play Area wasn't due yet, since 50% of the homes hadn't yet been sold. She agreed to find out how many had been sold. Councillor Barry Bond suggested he would like to see a roundabout installed using the £10k and perhaps some of the S106 funding from Beggars Bush Lane to install one more piece of equipment at Poolhouse Play Area specifically for younger children.

The Chairman asked Members to inform the Clerk if they wanted to be part of a working group to consider how the S106 funding could be spent.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: