



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 28th March 2022** at 7.45pm

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), Jan Evans, Dan Kinsey (arrived at 8.15pm), John Pike, Robert Reade, Daisy Tait.

Present – Non-Committee Members-

Councillor(s): Vince Merrick, Martin Perry

Absent without apologies-

Councillors: Elizabeth Keeling

Clerk: Rachael Wright

21/22 – Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies, Mark Evans, Claire McIlvenna, Alan Peace, and Mary Roberts.

22/22 – Declarations of Interest

None.

23/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 14th February 2022

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

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

The Clerk informed Members that Councillor Alan Peace had informed her that the rate of £900 that had been previously quoted for hiring pitches in Gornal, was not a Local Authority owned pitched. She also informed Members that Wombourne All Stars had informed her that they had not asked a resident from Penn Common to attend on their behalf.

25/22 – Brickbridge Playing Fields

Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members kit had been purchased for the new CCTV, and installation would go ahead in the near future.

26/22 – Bratch Park

The Chairman informed Members that Councillor Alan Peace had met the contractor on site, and we were now waiting for the remedial work to be conducted. Members gave permission for the invoice for the work to be paid if it was proven once conducted that it was not a workmanship issue.

27/22 – Poolhouse Play Area

The Chairman informed Members there were no red items on the ROSPA report, so he was reluctant to discuss any improvement work at Poolhouse Play area until there was an update on the £10,000 S106 money.

Members agreed with Councillor Barry Bond MBE’s suggestion that the play equipment should be locked at 8pm from 1st April 2022. It was noted that it had previously been locked at 7pm in the summer due to vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Members agreed to consider any issues / reports from the Park Warden in relation to this going forward.

28/22 – Proposal from Dangerous Sheep Ltd

The Committee considered the request from Dangerous Sheep Ltd with regards to the use of Brickbridge Playing Fields for a Wombourne’s Got Talent event in August 2022. They agreed they would require a lot more information before considering the proposal further, including how they would raise money from the event, how will the location be secured, and over what period the talent competition would run.

29/22 – Lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields

Members reviewed the outcome of the consultation and agreed it was not an option to give up the open space (nor was there a desire to) as it would have to be replaced, and there was no where else in the village to replace it. Councillor Barry Bond MBE proposed the recommendation to Full Council should be for the lease to remain with the Parish Council, who should proceed to renew it, subject to the terms and conditions set by South Staffordshire Council. Councillor Robert Reade seconded the proposal, and all Members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that the recommendation to Full Council be for the lease to Brickbridge Playing Fields be renewed.

20/22 – S106 money

The Chairman informed Members there was no update as of yet, and the working group would meet once there was an indication of the funds being received.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed:

Dated: