



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 28th November 2022** at 7.41pm

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

Present – Committee Members-

Councillors: Mike Davies, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey BEM, Vince Merrick, Alan Peace, Martin Perry (Chairman), Mary Roberts

Present – Non-Committee Members-

Councillor(s): Daisy Tait

Absent without apologies-

Councillors: N/A

Clerk: Rachael Wright

66/22 – Apologies

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Barry Bond MBE, Cheryl Davies, and Jan Evans.

67/22 – Declarations of Interest

None.

68/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 31st October 2022

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting as being a true record of the meeting.

69/22– Matters arising from the minutes of 31st October 2022

None.

70/22 – Brickbridge Playing Fields

- a) CCTV – the cameras are now installed, and training on how to use them will be completed soon. Signage has already gone up, but additional signs with a contact telephone number to be ordered (subject to GDPR requirements). Members agreed for an announcement to be made on social media once all signage was in place.
- b) Bushes to the right of the pedestrian gate – Members agreed for the Chairman to meet with the Park Warden and Parish Warden to identify the bushes in question, and to organise for them to be pruned.
- c) Dog poo bin – South Staffordshire Council had informed the Clerk they no longer provided singular dog poo bins. They had agreed to monitor the usage of the existing bin over the next 6 months to assess whether another bin was required.

71/22 – Bratch Park

- a) Email from resident regarding the slide – Members noted the email and photographs sent of the slide and agreed that the equipment was a standard piece of kit made for older children. They did not want to introduce a step which might entice young unsupervised children to use the equipment, when it might not be safe for them to do so.

- b) Email from resident regarding metal detecting – Members agreed to reject the request to metal detect in Bratch Park concerned that a singular person metal detecting may encourage others to think they also have permission to do so.

72/22 – Poolhouse Play Area

Members noted the instruction of Kris Rohland to conduct repairs to the equipment at Poolhouse Play area in line with the ROSPA report. The repairs will be conducted over a number of months, when some of the timber had dried out.

73/22 – Lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields

The Clerk read out an email from South Staffordshire Council suggesting the new lease would be on a peppercorn arrangement, and any subletting would be looked on favourably, but would be subject to approval from them. Members noted solicitors had been instructed on both sides, and they now had to await further progress.

74/22 – Planters

Members agreed to purchase perennials for the planters next year and asked the Clerk to enquire with Wombourne Best Kept Village as to whether they would be interested in adopting all of the planters once they had been planted up.

75/22 – S106 funding

Councillor Mark Evans explained he had met with Kelly Harris from South Staffordshire Council who had explained to him that the trigger for the £10,000 S106 funding from the Giggetty Lane development earmarked for Poolhouse Play Area had not been met, and they would seek an update from the developers. In relation to Beggars Bush Lane, they were now in receipt of £83,564 and their legal department would shortly be writing to the Parish Council to request an application to access the funding. The submission needed to be detailed specifying how the money would be spent, and on what with as much precise information as possible. A panel at South Staffordshire Council would then assess the submission to decide whether to award the funding. The reason this process was in place is due to S106 funding previously being awarded to Parish Councils, and not spent in accordance with the regulations set by the builder, and therefore the District Council had been required to pay the funds back. The requirement for this funding was for offsite allotments and/or new / improved leisure facilities. Members agreed investigations should be made into the provision for offsite allotments, improvements to Poolhouse Play Area including new drainage, and updates to Brickbridge Playing Fields.

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.

Signed:

Dated: