



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**

held on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 7.00pm

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

#### **Present – Committee Members-**

Councillors: Barry Bond MBE, Mike Davies, Jan Evans, Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey, Claire McIlvenna, Martin Perry (Chairman), Mary Roberts

#### **Present – Non-Committee Members-**

Councillor(s): Vince Merrick, Daisy Tait

#### **Absent without apologies-**

Councillors: N/A

Clerk: Rachael Wright

#### **31/22 – Apologies**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies and Alan Peace.

#### **32/22 – Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **33/22 – Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2022/2023**

Councillor Mike Davies nominated Councillor Jan Evans to be Vice-Chairman. Councillor Dan Kinsey seconded the proposition. No further nominations were received. All Members were in favour.

It was RESOLVED that Councillor Jan Evans be appointed as Vice-Chairman for 2022/2023.

#### **34/22 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **35/22– Matters arising from the minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

28/22 – The Clerk informed Members that Dangerous Sheep never responded to her request for more information.

29/22- The Chairman asked if the outcome to the public consultation was in the public domain, which the Clerk confirmed was correct.

#### **36/22 – Brickbridge Playing Fields**

- a) CCTV - Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members the parts for the pole extension and brackets had arrived, so he was now waiting for an update as to when the CCTV will be finished.
- b) Goal posts – The Clerk explained that one half of the adult goal posts were no longer in use due to them collapsing. The Chairman informed Members he had spoken to Matthew Cole of Wombourne Wanderers to gain more information about the spec of the new posts, and the timescales for which they were needed. Members agreed for the Chairman to obtain quotations based on the spec required and spend

up to earmarked reserves (£2021.11) on the replacement posts to be ordered as soon as possible so they were in place for when the season starts on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Going forward, the posts should be included in the annual ROSPA inspections, checked by the Parish Warden quarterly, and a visual inspection conducted by Wombourne Wanderers before each match.

**37/22 – Bratch Park**

The Clerk informed Members a tree had come down in the park, so they needed to decide whether to leave it to encourage wildlife, or for it to be removed. The general consensus was to leave it, but Members agreed the Chairman should visit site to assess the situation and seek advice from South Staffordshire Council if required.

**38/22 – Poolhouse Play Area**

Members agreed no new equipment would be considered until S106 funding was forthcoming. The working group had not met yet as there had been no update on the funding, despite the Clerk continuously requesting an update. They agreed to investigate replacing the membrane under the nest swing in the summer. It was noted the Park Warden was weeding the park on an ongoing basis. Councillor Barry Bond MBE reported a nearby bin had been pulled out of the ground and thrown into the brook, but that Street Scene were to be praised for their speedy response in dealing with the matter.

**39/22 – Lease at Brickbridge Playing Fields**

The Clerk informed Members she had requested an update from South Staffordshire Council, but to date none had been forthcoming. She would continue to chase them.

**40/22 – S106 money**

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**41/22 – Planters in Planks Lane**

The Chairman informed Members a resident who lives in Planks Lane had asked for the planters to be re-sited to their original location as he was having difficulty pulling out of his drive due to cars parking on the footway now the planters had been re-located. Members agreed for the Chairman to conduct a site visit and to find out whether the footway was owned by Staffordshire County Council or the shops and to report back to the next meeting.

**42/22 – Public toilets**

Members agreed the amount of vandalism had increased significantly in recent months, with incidents occurring weekly. The toilets were currently closed following the last incident, which the Police are investigating. Members discussed workable solutions but agreed for the time being to keep the toilets closed (including over the Jubilee weekend) to see what feedback is received.

**The meeting closed at 7.54pm.**

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....