



WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the RECREATION AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING

held on **Monday 6th March 2023** 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 (Vice-Chairman), Mark Evans, Dan Kinsey BEM, Vince Merrick, Martin Perry (Chairman)

Present – Non-Committee Members-

Councillor(s): Elizabeth Keeling (arrived 7.02pm)

Absent without apologies-

Councillors: N/A

Clerk: Rachael Wright

07/23 – Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies, Alan Peace, and Mary Roberts.

08/23 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Jan Evans declared an interest in item 8 on the agenda (\$106 funding), as she is a trustee of Wombourne Village Hall who are also making an application for funding.

09/23 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 6th February 2023

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

10/23– Matters arising from the minutes of 6th February 2023

None.

11/23 – Brickbridge Playing Fields

- a) The Chairman informed Members following the meeting with the loss adjuster work was continuing at the changing rooms, with Wombourne All Stars and Wombourne Wanderers emptying their kits over the weekend into a storage container to make a clear space to work.
- b) Members agreed that the Parish Council should be seeking to work in partnership with Wombourne All Stars and Wombourne Wanderers to ensure that the facilities at the Playing Fields benefit from everyone support and agreed to set up a working group consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Committee along with Councillors Dan Kinsey BEM and Mike Davies, to meet with the two teams to discuss how this could be achieved before reporting back to the Committee.

12/23 – Bratch Park

- a) Members noted the emails from a resident in relation to the state of the park and the use of weedkiller. They agreed for the Chairman and Councillor Vince Merrick to offer a site meeting to discuss her concerns.

13/23 – Poolhouse Play Area

- a) Members noted that funding through S106 from Beggars Bush Lane development was being sought to resolve the drainage issue under the nest swing, and a new piece of play equipment incorporating spin would be added once the S106 funding was available from the Giggetty Lane development. The Clerk informed Members of an email she had received from a resident asking for an update on the funding from the S106 agreement, along with her response. The resident had also asked for improvements to the sand pit at the bottom of the slide. Member agreed to consider this again in the new financial year once there was some budget available to deal with it.

14/23 – S106 funding

- a) Members noted the Clerk’s report setting out the options for applying for S106 funding.
- b) Members agreed to submit 4 separate applications for funding, noting the priority order as follows:
 - i. Changing room alterations to provide for male/female facilities
 - ii. Improved drainage for Poolhouse Play Area to allow better use of the nest swing
 - iii. New benches for Brickbridge Playing Fields
 - iv. Exercise equipment at Brickbridge Playing Fields
- c) Members agreed for the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to complete the application form, in conjunction with the Clerk. They asked for the Clerk to obtain a copy of the S106 agreement to be issued to Members.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

Signed:

Dated: