



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

held on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021** 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, Dan Kinsey (arrived at 7.20pm), Claire McIlvenna, Alan Peace (Vice-Chairman), Robert Reade, Mary Roberts, Daisy Tait, Ken Upton (Chairman).

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

Councillor(s): Vince Merrick,

Clerk: Rachael Wright

#### **28/21 – Apologies**

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Cheryl Davies and John Pike.

#### **29/21 – Declarations of Interest**

None.

#### **30/21 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes**

Members approved the minutes of the last meeting.

#### **31/21 – Matters arising from the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

None.

#### **32/21 – Request from Canal and River Trust**

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman updated Members to inform them that they met with Tom Pollock, however, it appeared they would not use the playing fields to access the canal after all since there is an active badger set which cannot be disturbed.

#### **33/21 – Request from Wombourne Wanderers for new goal posts**

Members noted the prices ranged from around £670 to £1250 for static goal posts. They agreed that there was no budget for new goal posts at present and they would consider the request again when reviewing the budget for next year. However, they were concerned about anti-social behaviour in respect of static posts.

#### **30/21 – Bank Holidays**

It was noted that our play areas and parks remained closed on 8 bank holidays during the year to enable our staff to have time off with their families. Members debated employing a warden just for bank holidays or leaving the parks and play equipment open/unlocked overnight on bank holidays. Councillor Alan Peace proposed the parks and play equipment remain open/unlocked, Councillor Claire McIlvenna seconded the proposal, and all Members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** to leave the parks and play equipment open/unlocked on bank holidays.

### **31/21 – Poolhouse Play Area**

No issues reported by the Park Warden or residents.

### **32/21 – Bratch Park**

The Clerk explained repair work had been authorised to repair the ground around the trampoline following a report from a resident it was sinking and dangerous. The cost amounted to £1814.00, however the work had not yet started. Members agreed not to pay the invoice until an inspection had been carried out of the play area and the repairs had been completed to a satisfactory standard.

### **33/21 – Brickbridge Playing Fields**

- a) Defibrillator – the Clerk informed Members that the defibrillator would be arriving in the next week or so. It has been ordered in line with the CCTV, however, given the delays with the CCTV it would arrive and be installed before the CCTV.
- b) CCTV – Councillor Dan Kinsey informed Members that the installer had been waiting on replacement keys for the unit and parts. Investigations would be carried out to check whether the cable to the CCTV pole was ducted or whether a trench would have to be dug to get to it.

### **34/21 – Exclusion of the Public and Press**

It was **RESOLVED** that under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....