



## **WOMBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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

held on **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024** at 7.00pm

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

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

Councillors: Mike Davies, Mark Evans, Ed Hughes, Elizabeth Keeling (Vice-Chairman), Alan Peace, Martin Perry (Chairman), Daisy Tait

**Present – Non-Committee Members -** Councillor(s): None

**Absent without apologies -** Councillor(s): Andy Clay

**Clerk:** Not present – notes taken by Councillor Daisy Tait

#### **17/24 – Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Vince Merrick.

#### **18/24 – Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **19/24 – Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

Councillor Mike Davies proposed Councillor Elizabeth Keeling be appointed Vice-Chairman for 2024/2025. Councillor Mark Evans seconded the proposal and all members were in favour.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Elizabeth Keeling be Vice-Chairman for 2024/2025.

#### **20/24 – Approval of last Committee Meeting minutes from 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

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

#### **21/24 – Matters arising from the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> March**

None

#### **22/24 – Brickbridge Playing Fields**

- a) Members noted the renewal of the lease is still ongoing.
- b) Members noted that Wombourne Wanderers would no longer be using the Playing Fields.
- c) Members agreed to Wombourne Allstars having sole use of the Playing Fields.
- d) Members agreed an annual charge would be the most effective solution to the pitch hire charges given only one team will be using the Playing Fields. Members agreed to await further updates from the Clerk and Chairman on the usage to decide upon an appropriate annual fee.
- e) Members noted the Parish Warden has reported residents using the new exercise equipment. It was agreed that a post should be put out advertising a 'Grand Opening' after the pre-election period.

#### **23/24 – Poolhouse Play Area**

- a) Members noted the update with regards to the National Lottery funding, noting that a lease would be required from South Staffordshire Council. It was noted that the National Lottery Co-ordinator had raised concerns in relation to the proximity of the play area to the Wombrook. The Chairman is waiting for confirmation as to whether this will be a barrier to obtaining the funding.

- b) Members noted the application for funding via the Health Inequalities Fund had been unsuccessful. Councillor Elizabeth Keeling agreed to approach Lidl and Sainsburys to seek support from them.
- c) Members noted that the lease was still with South Staffordshire Council and, therefore, on hold at present.
- d) Members noted the email and agreed for the Chairman to draft a suitable response to be sent via the Clerk.
- e) Members noted the letter and agreed for the Chairman to draft a suitable response to be sent via the Clerk.

**24/24 – Bratch Park**

- a) Members agreed to set up a Friends of Bratch Park group and asked the Chairman to liaise with the Clerk in relation to a possible date for a first activity day to include local community groups.
- b) Members noted the quotations received, but requested a further quotation be obtained for recycled plastic.
- c) Members noted the quotations and agreed to review again when item b) above was agreed.
- d) The Chairman informed members the land around the trampoline and surrounding area would be replaced ASAP as the ground is failing, causing a safety issue. The work had been authorised at a cost of £1,307 (budget £680).

**25/24 – Quarterly Inspections**

Members noted the inspections and that there were no high-risk items. Action at Poolhouse Play Area could be stalled due to its planned overhaul. No action to be taken at Brickbridge Playing Fields as all items came out low. Moderate risks to be reviewed at Bratch Park and picked up as part of the activity from Friends of Bratch Park.

**The meeting closed at 7.38pm.**

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....