

Abington Recreation Ground Committee Meeting

A Meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday 6th February 2017, 7.30pm in the Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.

Those present at the meeting were: Peter Brunning (Chairman), Den Tiplady, Louise Patten (Secretary), Dennis Lightning and David Pimblett.

Start at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies received from: Paul Pritchard, Jane Bowen, Liz Sainsbury and Charlotte Adams,

2. Minutes of last meeting 7th November 2016 agreed by PB, DT, DP & LP.

3. Matters arising from the minutes: A request was made at the last meeting for the representatives from Little Abington Parish Council and Great Abington Parish Council to ask for the Precept at their next Parish Council meetings and to see whether an increase of up to 2% would be possible. Both the Parish Councils agreed that the precept would remain the same and not increase.

4. Treasurers Report:

The Treasurer will be standing down towards the end of the financial year. A new Treasurer will need to be appointed at the next meeting. As part of the hand over the Treasurer will add on two signatories for the Bank Accounts – Dennis Tiplady & Louise Patten have agreed to be added.

5. Risk Assessment:

It was suggested that in the Children's play area, M.U.G.A and Outdoor Gym that signage should be put up to inform users of how they can report damage, the committee were all in favour of this. It was also agreed that a sign should be in place in the recreation ground informing the public of the location of the nearest defibrillator. Action: LP

6. Children's Play Area:

6.1 The general condition: The general condition of the play area is good

6.2 Toddler Swings replacement– Sutcliffe Cradle Seat x 2 to replace toddler swing seats have arrived from Fenland Leisure Products Ltd – online

playground. £295.20 Cost agreed cheque written. The seats will be installed after Easter 2017. Action PB

7. Multi-sport Area –damaged fencing

7.1 General Condiotn. The general condition is good

7.2 Repair of fencing around M.U.G.A Peter has asked Herts & Cambs – Justin Wilmott to quote for the repair/replacement of wire fencing around MUGA. Action PB

8. Ground Condition:

8.1 General Conditon. The general condition is good however, mole hills are causing concern and rabbit holes are appearing. It was agreed that steps should be taken to minimise the risk. Action LP

8.2Quote for Tree Works – Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance have begun the tree works.

It was agreed that they would lift the row of medium sized trees along the side of the church and the waste land at the rear. Cost £280.00 plus VAT. This work has been completed.

They are due back week beginning 13th February to cut back hard the side of the hedge and reduce the top down leaving as many mature trees standing, cutting the top of the hedge down in between them. Cost £1560.00 plus VAT.

The costs were agreed at the previous meeting.

8.3 Wasp Nest removal: Peter located the site of the wasp nest and reported that the wasps had died and therefore there was no need to remove or treat the wasp nest.

8.4 Removal of stones from soil near to the Outdoor Gym – this is to be discussed at the next meeting

9. Equipment

9.1 Seating and Picnic Tables; It was discussed and agreed that a new picnic table could be purchased to go by the river and also a bench could be purchased to go in the Children's play area. Charlotte Adams was to be asked to look into the costings.

9.2 Suggestion on new equipment;

The committee discussed briefly ideas of how future S106 funding could be used. 3 areas were put forward:

- Replacement of Fencing around Play area
- Cycle Track & Running Track around perimeter
- Extension to the MUGA

10. Pump Track Feasibility Study–

Peter outlined the proposal for a Pump Track, which has been put forward by Guy Underwood Head Teacher of Abington Primary School. The committee agreed to fund up to £300 (plus VAT if applicable) for a scoping study. The expectation being that the project itself would be funded, at least in the main, by other sources such as S106 monies and grants. The committee felt that someone more knowledgeable should be sort to manage the project and this should be discussed at the next meeting.

11. Any other business

Spraying along the river bank – It was agreed that this needed to be done as soon as possible – Dennis agreed to find two quotes.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 3rd April 2017 7.30pm

