

## Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Meeting No. 224 held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 8.00pm – The meeting was held virtually on the 'Zoom platform' due to the Covid 19 Restrictions.

### Minutes

Meeting began at 8.00 pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Richard Allum, Richard Smith, Charlotte Adams, David Pimblett, Jill Carter and Stephen McDonnell

1. Apologies for absence: Genevieve Dalton & Dennis Tiplady (due to lack of internet access)
2. Minutes of previous meetings: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2020
3. Matters arising – other than being considered below - none
4. Treasurers Report – The next report will be presented at the next meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 7pm.

4.1 Additional Funding: The treasurer asked the committee to discuss whether any additional funding was required from the 2 Parish Councils. – The committee deferred this consideration to the December meeting.

4.2 Tree Inspection - It was felt that our two tree inspectors (David Pimblett & Richard Smith), can inspect the Trees and make the necessary judgement as to whether professional help is required. However the Treasurer identified that a professional Tree Inspection needs to be carried out in accordance with the risk assessment for insurance purposes. It was decided therefore to defer the decision regarding a new tree inspection to the next meeting in December.

Andy Mason met with David Pimblett to discuss trimming back of trees and hedges around the perimeter of the Recreation ground and also around the MUGA. David to ask for the quote to be presented for the next meeting.

4.3 Budget Review: The Treasurer asked the committee to review the budget: It was felt that the following amendments should be made:

1. Repair of Fencing £1000
2. Pump Track additional costs: £3000

The committee felt that it would be prudent to retain an additional sum for the grant application and additional extras.

3. Trees/Shrubs £1000
- 4.. Recycling Bins £500

### 5. COVID -19 Actions

5.1: The committee will continue to follow guidance from the Government on use of Play Areas and MUGA and Outdoor Gyms.

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### 6. Children's play area

6.1 Bird fouling deterrent – The swings seats below the apex are being covered in Bird poo. PB has purchased Bird deterrent spikes at a cost of £40. PB to organise the installation.

6.2 Cordless Sander – It was agreed that in order to comply with Rospa Safety Inspection requirement for the sanding of the wooden swing posts it would be necessary to purchase a cordless sander and sanding disks. The committee agreed that the cost should not exceed £150.00. Proposer: LP Seconded: AC: Actioned by PB.

6.3 Cleaning of play equipment – A working party will be formed to clean the play equipment – LP to organise

### 7. Multi- sport area

7.1 MUGA progress: No further progress to report. LP to organise 2 further quotes for the refurbishment.

### 8. Ground Condition

8.1 Soil - The committee felt that soil should be purchased in readiness for further levelling of the ground and infilling of any holes. LP approached the cricket club to see whether the soil bag could be lifted over the cricket club hedge and then barrowed to the recreation ground. It was agreed that 1 cu/m of sand/soil mix should be purchased from Madingley Mulch at a cost of up to £90.00. Proposer LP Seconded- Richard Smith. Action LP

8.2 Bins – The members of the committee responsible for the emptying of the bins requested the need for big bags. The committee agreed to purchase a quantity of bin bags up to the cost of £40. Proposer: LP Seconded PB

8.3 Boot Scrappers: The committee discussed the need for two boot scrappers to be sited at both ends of the path to reduce the amount of mud on left on the path from the footballers boots. Charlotte provided an example of the boot scrappers available. LP to ask whether the Institute Committee would fund one of the boot scrappers which would be placed by the village institute veranda.

### 9. Section 106 Funding

9.1 Zip Wire - Charlotte will contact two more companies for quotes for a zip wire (in addition to the quote already obtained). The proposed location of the zip wire will be discussed at the next meeting.

9.2 Breakdown of funding - LP to find out when the funds will be available.

### 10. Pump Track Update –

Peter Brunning & Alan Cooke discussed the current status of the pump track plan in detail.

Alan Cooke to contact Aaron regarding update on plan. £3276 commissioned to design pump track.

Peter wished to canvas opinion on whether the committee wished to apply to British Cycling for funding grant for the 'Pump Track'. Aaron had suggested that he could do this on our behalf for £3000.

Richard Smith felt that the committee should try and apply for the grant, at least the initial stage. Alan Cooke put forward the pro's and con's of using someone that is experienced in seeking grants from British Cycling.

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It was decided that the committee should make initial contact with British Cycling using the preliminary plans. Peter Brunning, Richard Smith and Alan Cooke will be taking the lead on this and keep the committee informed of the progress.

Once the plans have been sent the committee move forward in the planning application.

13. Date of next meeting – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 7pm on 'Zoom'.

The meeting closed at 9.17pm.