

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

A Meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday 3rd April 2017 at 6.30pm in the Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.

Start: 6.3 pm

Those present at the meeting were: Den Tiplady, Peter Brunning, Louise Patten, Alan Cooke & David Pimblett.

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

1. Minutes of last meeting 6th February 2017 agreed by: PB, DT, DP & LP
2. Matters arising – No other matters
3. Treasurers Report – Paul Pritchard emailed his report this was read out by PB

Current Bank Balances

Current Account. £3,239.93
Deposit Account. £8,045.34

Insurance: Public Liability & all risks – Zurich Insurance – Paid £1047.44

Outstanding Invoice to be paid
Herts & Cambs re Tree Work. £2,208.00 (inc VAT)

Adjusted Available Cash. £9,077.27

Confirmation received from Lloyds Bank that Louise Patten & Dennis Lightning have been added to list of signatories.

To allow the completion of Annual Accounts to 31/03/17 the Treasurer asked that he be advised of any outstanding invoices yet to be received by 10th April 2017.

The draft Accounts will be completed by the end of April 2017

We are no longer required to have external audit completed by PKF due to change in regulations. However, an internal audit needs to be carried out. Peter Brunning said that he would ask Julia Gunning if she would do the 'Internal Audit'.

Paul Pritchard will be stepping down as Treasurer once the Annual Accounts have been completed.

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Suggestions were made as to who may be willing to be nominated to take on the role of Treasurer. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. Risk Assessment – Signage

Signage has now been put up in 3 places on the Recreation Ground alerting users as to where the nearest defibrillator is located.

Posters will be put up near the play equipment notifying users of the procedure to report any faults with equipment. – Action LP

The agreed wording: 'If you discover any issues with the play equipment please email the parish clerk harper802@btinternet.com'

5. Children's play area

5.1 General condition

Grass has been kept very well and weeds are under control.

6. Multi- sport area

6.1 General Condition

Surface needs to be swept and weeds need to be sprayed.
Ideally surface needs to be pressure washed. PB to speak to Guy Underwood.
LP to sweep surface.

6.2 Repair of fencing around M.U.G.A – PB

Fencing PB. Herts & Cambs to quote. Cambridge Fencing and Forestry to quote. To replace mesh fencing above the goal and rewire a couple of panels of the wire mesh. Replace 6 boards.

6.3 Request for use for 5-A-Side-Walking Football for over 50's.

The committee was in full agreement with the request. Peter agreed to reply and find out about time of use.

7. Outdoor gym

7.1 Possible repair to skier

This is not an urgent repair Skier is safe and operational. PB awaiting quotes from two suppliers: Wicksteed and Fenland Leisure.

8. Ground Condition

8.1 General Condition:

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The grass and ground is in good condition. Dog mess is a huge problem. Dennis noted that several Football games this season have had to be delayed due to dog mess on the pitch. PB to put note in the Parish Magazine. Leaves have been a problem this year due to the large volume.

8.2 Tree works along western edge – PB –

Work is complete and the committee are pleased with the outcome. In Autumn PB suggested that more bulbs and other Spring Flowers could be planted. This is to be discussed at a future meeting.

8.3 Spraying Quote – Dennis Lightning emailed the quote from Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd.

Spray:

River banks with selective weed killer and spray around playground fence and other fences in that area including the MUGA with glyphosate total kill.
£160.00 plus VAT

Cricket Club boundary river bank £50.00 plus VAT

The committee discussed the quote and it was agreed that Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd should go ahead with the spraying. DL to action.

Agreed cost: £160.00 and £50 plus VAT.

Paul Pritchard – Treasurer to confirm whether previous invoice has been paid for work completed last year by Herts & Cambs.

8.4 Removal of stones from soil near to the outdoor gym PB- It was decided that before we organise the removal of the stones we should await the pump track decision.

9. Equipment

9.1 Seating and picnic tables – The purchase of 1 new bench and 1 new picnic table has been agreed in principle.

9.2 Suggestion on new equipment & future planning

- a. Pump track
- b. Replace Existing Fencing around the children's play area
- c. Running Track around perimeter of Rec Ground
- d. Extension to M.U.G.A

10. Pump Track Update

Alan Cooke – contacted several companies – Architrail did a site visit 03.04.2017.

The findings from the Architrail Site Visit are as follows:

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It is feasible to fit the pump track in the space. We would need to speak to Tree officer to get advice on Trees.

Once we have the information on the trees Achitrail will be able to design a 150 metre course in the space.

We would need to look at the access road, as 800 tons of rubble would need to be deposited. It would take 40 x 20-ton trucks approximately.

The price of the pump track could be between £50,000 to £100,000 and it would take around 4 weeks to complete the project. We could have full tarmac or tarmac just on the high wear areas.

If we source are our own fill material for the building site we could save 10-15% of the total cost

Access could be a problem for the construction.

11. Any other business - No

12. Date of next meeting

Monday 5th June 2017 6.30pm Meet at Recreation Ground