

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes: 206

A meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday, 4th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Abington Village Institute, Great Abington.

Meeting started at 7.05pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Pennie Zimmern, & Charlotte Adams

Apologies received from Dennis Tiplady, Liz Sainsbury, David Pimblett, Sally Simmons

1. Minutes of last meeting (05.09 2017): Agreed by: LP, PB & PZ
2. Matters arising – No matters arising

Pennie Zimmern has joined the Committee from Great Abington Parish Council and Sally Simmons from Little Abington Parish Council.

3. Treasurers Report

<u>BANK ACCOUNTS</u>	TOTAL	Treasurers Current	Instant Deposit
OPENING BALANCE	11,285.27	1,239.93	10,045.34
CURRENT BALANCE	9,805.02	2,457.99	7,347.03
Change		1,218.06	-2,698.31

Deposit account Interest 1.69

Current account - Cheques

Herts & Cambs Ground Maint re tree work	10/04/2017	402	2,208.00
Whoopsy Daisy re Dog Bins	30/04/2017	Stdg Order	71.50
P Brunning	23/05/2017	403	17.42
Whoopsy Daisy re Dog Bins	30/05/2017	Stdg Order	71.50
Whoopsy Daisy re Dog Bins	30/06/2017	Stdg Order	71.50
Cambridge Fencing - MUGA fencing	26/07/2017	online	620.00
Herts & Cambs Ground Maint re spraying	26/07/2017	online	192.00
PlaySafety Ltd - equipment inspection	26/07/2017	online	147.00
Abington Institute - meeting room hires	26/07/2017	online	24.00
Abington Institute - meeting room hires	26/07/2017	online	12.00
Whoopsy Daisy re Dog Bins	31/07/2017	Stdg Order	71.50
Whoopsy Daisy re Dog Bins	30/08/2017	Stdg Order	71.50
Credits			
VAT claim	19/06/2017		2,095.98
Transfers from deposit - Total	2700		

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Outstanding

Precepts from parish councils (recently invoiced)

Genevieve Dalton Parish Clerk of Little Abington Parish Council has agreed to become treasurer of the Recreation Ground Committee.

Proposed: Pennie Zimmermann. Seconded: Charlotte Adams

4. Children's play area

4.1 General condition

Ground condition is generally good. The weeds around the perimeter need to be strimmed. LP/PB

Pennie Zimmermann to speak to Melvyn Boughtwood to discuss quote for regular strimming of: – Children's Play area, MUGA and Fitness Equipment and control of nettles by river.

Fencing: Charlotte Adams to research 4 different materials –plain plastic, coloured plastic, wood and metal for the perimeter fencing. Quotes from at least 3 companies. CA

Older Children's swings: The swings need cleaning to remove bird droppings. Quote for bird roosting deterrent is to be looked into. CA

5. Multi- sport area

5.1 General Condition -good

Cambridge and Fencing and Forestry have repaired fencing and replaced wooden boards. PB

The area has been cleared of all weeds, leaves and soil. LP

It would be beneficial to power-wash sections of the MUGA again to remove some of the residual soil.

6. Ground Condition

6.1 General Condition

General Condition good. Pennie Zimmermann to speak to Melvyn Boughtwood to discuss quote for regular strimming or spraying of: –South side area of field and control of nettles by river.

7. Equipment

7.1 Seating and picnic tables

Evershed Products: Quote: 2 Backless Benches £190 plus vat

1 Park Seat £310

Delivery Cost: £70.00

The committee have agreed to go ahead with the purchase of 2 benches & 1 Picnic Table but will await the extension of the Children's Play Area before organising the delivery and installation.

7.2 Suggestion on new equipment & future planning

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- a. Replace Fence around perimeter of Play Area
- b. Refurbish MUGA - line markings, surface redressing
- c. Pump Track/Zip Wire to cater for the older age group
- d. Running Track around perimeter of Rec Ground

Due to the amount of funding available, the committee feels that community input is vital. An invitation to submit ideas and be part of a working party will be announced in the: Village Magazine, Village Facebook Page, Village Website and Primary School Newsletter. Action LP

Note: Annette Shortell is interested to get involved – she is keen for better facilities for the recently retired age-group to keep active, and has suggested walking football.

8. Pump Track Update

Alan Cooke and Peter Brunning met with Rebecca Ward from South Cambs Planning Department to discuss the pre-app for the Pump Track. She has advised that a Tree survey will need to be undertaken before an application can be made. AC, PZ & PB to contact Tree Survey agent to carry out tree survey for the Pump Track/Zip wire and MUGA extension and Play Area extension. Proposed expenditure limit: £500 for Tree Survey. Proposed by Pennie Zimmern Seconded: Charlotte Adams.

9. Fencing by Churchyard: Due to unfortunate dismantling/destruction of the fencing near the churchyard the Committee has decided to rectify the damage. PB

Fencing near MUGA backing onto school has been repaired on many occasions and most recently in July. Peter will seek quotes for a full repair. PB

10. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 17th October 7pm