

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes:

A meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday, 5th June 2017 at 6.30pm in the Abington Village Institute, Great Abington.

Meeting started 6.45pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Liz Sainsbury, David Pimblett & Charlotte Adams

Apologies received from Pennie Zimmern, Dennis Lightning, Dennis Tiplady & Alan Cooke

1. Minutes of last meeting (3rd April 2017): Agreed by: PB, LP, LS & DP

2. Matters arising – No matters arising

3. Treasurers Report

Paul Pritchard has handed the accounts to Julia Gunning for auditing.

Current Account £871.51 plus £700

Deposit Account £8,045.34 minus £700

Peter to invoice the Parish Councils for the agreed precept.

A new treasurer is still required!

Recent Invoices paid: Tree Works & Dog Bin Emptying.

4. Risk Assessment – Signage reporting faults –LP

LP has the signs but was not sure where they could be displayed. Peter suggested that a notice board could be put in the play area to display information. Liz queried whether we would need planning permission.

5. RoSPA Play Safety Inspection Report –

Fencing around play area – quote received and applying for S106 funding.

Further warning notice to be displayed by Gym Equipment to state that Children under 12 should not use the Gym Equipment.

Work to fencing around MUGA has been agreed; currently awaiting start date.

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6. Children's play area

6.1 General condition

Good

Weeds are growing rapidly but these are being strimmed as regularly as possible. The weeds around the perimeter have been sprayed.

6.2 Fireman's pole was repaired by a strong volunteer, Graham!

7. Multi- sport area

7.1 General Condition -good

The weeds have been sprayed. The court would benefit from being swept. LP to organise.

7.2 Repair of fencing around M.U.G.A – Peter received a quote for the repair from Cambridge Fencing and Forestry. The cost would be £460.00 plus fitting of wooden boards at £32.00 each. It was decided by the committee that the quote was acceptable and that Peter should organise for the repair with a funding limit of £750.00 to cover the total cost. Proposer: Liz Sainsbury Seconded: Peter Brunning

7.35 A-Side-Walking Football for over 50's

This was discussed at the last meeting following an email by Annette Shortell (email dated 21.03.17) for the proposed use of the M.U.G.A for mixed 5 a-side Walking football for over 50's for Abington residents. The committee agreed that in principle that the activity could go ahead as long as it doesn't coincide with school use. Peter to find out more details.

8. Outdoor gym

Regular checks of the equipment are being made and general repairs are being conducted. LP & PB

9. Ground Condition

9.1 General Condition good – some complaints about dog fouling.

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9.2 Spraying around the MUGA and Children's Play area has been effective. Treatment of the nettles along the river bank and on the southern side has been less effective and patchy, nettles seem to be thriving. Action: Dennis Lightning to contact Herts and Cambs Ground Maintenance Ltd to discuss the lack of impact of spraying and ask for them to return and to finish the job as paid for. PB to speak DL

10. Equipment

10.1 Seating and picnic tables

Following the previous meetings discussion on the purchase of picnic tables and seats/benches. It was agreed that 1 Coloured Picnic Table should be purchased and placed in the Children's play area and 2 backless seats/benches should be purchased and installed. Price agreed up to £1800. Proposer: Louise Patten Seconded: Liz Sainsbury
Action: Charlotte Adams

10.2 Suggestion on new equipment & future planning (likely S106 funding)

- 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
- e. Cricket Nets

11. Pump Track Update - No further information available.

12. Any other business

12.1 Abington Annexe Sports 30.05.17 – 02.06.17

This was agreed and has now happened

12.2 Holme Court School – use of Recreation Ground 30.06.2017 10 am to 12 noon for Sports Day – agreed

13. Date of next meeting:

Monday 4th September 2017 7pm - Abington Village Institute.