

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes: 207

A meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday, 6th November 2017 at 7.00pm in the Abington Village Institute, Great Abington.

Meeting started at 7.00pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Liz Sainsbury, Charlotte Adams, Dennis Tiplady Sally Simmons & Genevieve Dalton

1. Apologies received from David Pimblett & Pennie Zimmern
2. Minutes of last meeting (04.09 2017): Agreed by: PB & CA & LP
3. Matters arising – No matters arising
4. Treasurers Report

ABINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT - Genevieve Dalton

BALANCES

DATE	TOTAL	CURRENT	DEPOSIT
1/11/2017 per statement	12287.63	4939.99	7347.64
7/11/2017	10939.13	3461.49	7347.64

PAYMENTS

Abington Institute Room Hire	(cq)	£ 12.00
Abington Cricket Club Grass cutting	(cq)	£ 1100.00
Whoopsy Daisy - 3 monthly payments @£71.50 each	(SO)	£ 214.50
Cambridge Fencing Company	(cq)	£ 130.00
MB Services - Strimming	(cq)	£ 165.00
TOTAL		£ 1621.50

INCOME SINCE LAST MEETING

LAPC Precept	£ 2625.00
Interest Treasurers account Sept & Oct	£ 0.61
TOTAL	£ 2625.61

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4.1 Precept: Little Abington have paid precept in full. Great Abington 2 instalments yet to be paid. LP to remind GAPC at next meeting. (LP)

4.2 Invoice Payments: Invoices agreed by: LP, PB, DT & SS

All cheques signed for payment. PB & LP

4.3 Genevieve presented a draft Financial Plan for 2018/2019. The committee discussed the plan and Genevieve amended as necessary. Genevieve will produce the updated Financial Plan at the next meeting. Genevieve also suggested that the Parish Councils should organise an 'Internal Audit' of the Recreation Ground committee finances and that the committee's financial guidance should be updated. PB to discuss this at the next Parish Council liaison committee meeting.

GD also put the creation of a budget-setting timetable forward as a suggestion, so that both Parish Councils are informed in time to agree the budget and precept. This is to be discussed further at the next meeting.

GD left the meeting at this point

5. Children's play area

5.1 General condition

Ground condition is generally good.

5.2 Fencing Quotes for new fencing around perimeter of children's play area. Charlotte Adams presented two quotes from Fenland Leisure Products and First fence. The quotes were discussed and a decision was made to go ahead with the quote from Fenland Leisure Products (the colouring of the metal fencing to be green).

Total cost: £14475.84

Proposed: LS

Seconded: SS

LP to take the decision to the next Great Abington Parish Council Meeting to discuss the funding of the project using S106 funds. PB also to discuss this at the next Parish Council liaison committee meeting. Timing to be in the Spring, when the ground is firm.

5.3 Swings – Bird roosting deterrent – this is to be looked into again in the Spring.

5.4 Minor repair to swings – Peter repaired the swing following notification of damage.

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6. Multi- sport area

6.1 General Condition – good

6.2 Fencing Repairs – Charlie & John Baker have done these repairs.

[Since the meeting, the mesh used has proved to be insufficiently strong and has been damaged again. C&J Baker have been informed.]

7. Outdoor Gym

7.1 The exercise machines are operating well. The elliptical trainer requires lubrication – PB to purchase a grease gun cost up to £25.00 Proposed: SS

Seconded: LS

8. Ground Condition

8.1 General Condition

General condition good. Melvyn Boughtwood did a good job with strimming. In the spring, we need to discuss with him a suitable regime for more regular strimming and/or spraying of: Southside area of field and control of nettles by river.

9. Equipment

9.1 Suggestion on new equipment & future planning using Section 106 funding

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

An invitation to submit ideas and be part of a working party was published in the Village Magazine in October by LP. No residents replied to the invitation, therefore it was agreed that the working party would be re-advertised in the December issue of the Village Magazine and the Village Facebook page. Action SS – Village Magazine & LS – Village Facebook

10. Pump Track Update:

Peter Brunning presented the 3 quotes sourced by Alan Cooke for the provision of an arboricultural report for the Abington Pump track proposal which was advised by Rebecca Ward from the South Cambs Planning Department.

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1. ARBTECH
2. ARGENTA
3. Eastern Tree Surgery

The merit of each quote was discussed by the committee and a decision was made for Argenta to carry out the survey at a cost of £560.64. Proposed: PB

Seconded: DT

3 quotes were also sourced from the same companies for a Visual Tree Safety Inspection for the Recreation Ground. It was decided the same company would be used for the two surveys. Argenta – Visual Tree Safety Inspection cost £350.00. Proposed: PB

Seconded: DT

Argenta is to be contacted for the immediate completion of the two surveys. PB/AC

Once the survey is complete, we can proceed in more detail with pre-application discussions with SCDC and designs by a specialist company.

11. Fencing by School & Churchyard

PB presented 3 quotes for fencing to replace damaged fencing at the rear of the MUGA (behind the school) and from the churchyard (where a new post is needed) to the end of the rough area behind the churchyard. He explained that the quotes are not straightforward to compare, as different contractors perceived differing lengths needing attention.

1. Cambridge Fencing & Forestry (C & J Baker) - £620 (approx 50m total, incl. 1 post)
2. BnB Property Services (Rimas Barauskas) - £2732 (96m + 40m total, incl. 2 posts)
3. KA Garden Maintenance (Keith Rayner) - £7150 (approx 50m total, incl. 1 post)

The committee discussed the merits of all 3 quotes and it was decided to offer the job to C&J Baker.

[We have since heard that Jon has been off sick but is expected back in the New Year].

12. Any other business - none

13. Date of next meeting:

Monday 8th January 2018 7pm