

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes: 208

A meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday, 8th January 2018 at 7.00pm in the Abington Village Institute, Great Abington.

Meeting started at 7.07pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Pennie Zimmern, Sally Simmons, Charlotte Adams, Dennis Tiplady, David Pimblett & Genevieve Dalton

1. Apologies received from Liz Sainsbury, David Pimblett
2. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed by: PB, DT, LP, SS
3. Matters arising – No matters arising
4. Treasurers Report: Genevieve Dalton presented the following report

ABINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT -

BALANCES

DATE	TOTAL	CURRENT	DEPOSIT
31.12.2017 per statement	£ 10809.79	£ 1961.49	£ 8848.30
8.1.2018	£ 8927.65	£ 79.35	£ 8848.30

PAYMENTS

Argenta - Tree surveys per quote	Invoices awaited	£ 910.64
Masons Tree work per quote. Invoice awaited	inc VAT £120.00	£ 720.00
Whoopsy Daisy Jan Payment	(SO)	£ 71.50
TOTAL		£ 1882.14

INCOME SINCE LAST MEETING

Interest Treasurers account Nov & Dec	£ 0.66
TOTAL	£ 0.66

Notes.

- Quotation from Whoopsy Daisy for emptying all bins (f/up Liaison meeting) . Awaited
- Insurance renewal due end March 2018.

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- GAPC annual precept is overdue. £3937.50
- Funds will need to be transferred from deposit account to cover January payments
- Tree was felled without competitive quotes because of urgency. Quotation from Herts & Cambs Tree services received on 2 January £696.00 inc VAT
- E-banking - GDa and PB have access. **It would be convenient if one or two more signatories had online access.**
- The updated draft Financial Plan 2018/2019 was discussed and Genevieve took notes and amended the draft accordingly.
- The Internal Audit was discussed, the person to be in-charge of the audit is yet to be confirmed.

4.1 : Precept: Great Abington Parish Council £3937.50 -

Precept: Little Abington Parish Council £2625.00 –

GD left the meeting at this point 7.31pm

5. Children's play area

5.1 General condition

Ground condition is generally good.

5.2 New fencing around perimeter of children's play area.

LP to organise for the invoice for the new fencing from FenLand Leisure Products Ltd to go directly to Great Abington Parish Council so that the payment can be made from the S106 funds account.

Paula Harper – Clerk to the Great Abington Parish Council informed LP that the Recreation Ground Committee would need to make a contribution to the cost of the Fencing. The committee were disappointed that a contribution would need to be made and there was a great deal of discussion as to how much money should be put forward. A vote was held about whether a contribution should be made; 4 members agreed to a contribution 1 Member Disagreed, the motion was carried. The sum of £3500 was proposed by LP and seconded by SS. LP will contact Paula Harper with the decision. PB will query the necessity of contributing to the cost of the fencing at the Liaison Meeting.

6. Multi- sport area

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6.1 General Condition – The fencing repair by C& J Baker has been inadequate and is already disintegrating. PB is to contact C.& J Baker in writing and express concern. A decision was made that payment should be withheld until a full repair is made.

7. Outdoor Gym

7.1 The exercise machines are operating well. The elliptical trainer has now been lubricated and is now moving more freely.

8. Ground Condition

8.1 General Condition – Dennis Tiplady reported that the ground condition is good, better than most years.

8.2 Quote received from Melvyn Boughtwood for regular strimming and/or spraying of: Southside area of field and control of nettles. Cost £150.00 per strimming/spray

Proposed: CA

Seconded: PZ

The number of times a year for the strimming/spraying is to be agreed and the contract will initially be for one year.

8.3 Report from Tree Survey – PB explained the outcome of the **Health & Safety** tree survey received from Argenta.

Due to the level of disease in the Ash Tree near the MUGA a decision by the Committee had to be made prior to this meeting to organise a contractor to cut down the tree immediately. Peter Brunning received consent from the South Cambridgeshire District Council: TPO number: 1/61 – C/11/17/036/01 *5 day notice* fell one ash tree.

2 Other trees will need to be removed following the tree survey, and some other works.

PB will seek permission.

8.4 Quotes for the removal of Ash Tree near MUGA

PB received a Quotation from **Masons Tree Contractors Ltd**; due to time constraints this quote was agreed so that the tree could be immediately removed.

GD received a Quotation from Herts & Cambs Tree services received on 2 January £696.00 inc VAT.

9. Equipment

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

a. Replace Fence around perimeter of Play Area

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- b. Refurbish MUGA - line markings, surface redressing
- c. Extend MUGA
- d. Pump Track/Zip Wire to cater for the teenage group
- e. Running Track around perimeter of Rec Ground

9.2 Working party update: 1 resident replied to be part of the working party LP to respond.

10. Pump Track Update:

Peter Brunning & Alan Cooke discussed arboricultural report by ARGENTA for the Abington Pump track proposal (which was advised by Rebecca Ward from the South Cambs Planning Department). 3 of the 4 attachments from the report were printed and attached to the Agenda for Councillors to look at. PB & AC using the surveys will now be able to proceed in more detail with the pre-application discussions with SCDC.

LP expressed her concerns that before a great deal more money is committed that it would soon be necessary to vote on whether we should proceed with the pump track proposal.

11. Fencing by School & Churchyard

PB has contacted Cambridge Fencing & Forestry (C & J Baker) following the agreement at the previous meeting that their quote had been accepted. Work is yet to be started, an update will be given at the next meeting.

12. Any other business - none

13. Date of next meeting:

Monday 5th March 2018 7pm