

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Minutes: 210

A meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Tuesday, 8th May 2018 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, Charlotte Adams, Liz Sainsbury, Dennis Tiplady, Alan Cooke & Pennie Zimmern

1. Apologies received from Sally Simmons, David Pimblett & Genevieve Dalton
2. Minutes of last meetings: 05.03.2018 & 08.01.18 Agreed PB & PZ
3. Matters arising – No matters arising other than being considered below
4. Treasurers Report: Peter Brunning presented the following report on behalf of the Treasurer.

ABINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE FINANCE REPORT 8 MAY 2018

BALANCES

	TOTAL	CURRENT (Treasurers a/c)	DEPOSIT (Instant a/c)
01.04.2018 per statements	£ 12200.13	£ 1850.74	£ 10349.39
8.5.2018 (after payments & income)	£ 11698.67	£ 1348.84	£ 10349.83

PAYMENTS (to be agreed. Cheques to be signed and dispatched at the meeting please)

Abington Institute room hire Q4 17-18	cheque	£ 24.00
MB Services strimming	cheque	£ 150.00
Whoopsy Daisy April and May (3 Payments)	(SO)	£ 214.50
ROSPA annual inspection fee	cheque	£ 113.40
TOTAL		£ 501.90

INCOME	
March interest	£0.36
April interest	£0.44

INVOICES to be raised.

Little Abington Parish Council	£ 1312.50
Great Abington Parish Council	£ 1968.75
VAT refund	£ 176.50
TOTAL	£ 3457.75

4.1: The committee agreed all payments and LP & PB signed the cheques for payment.

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Peter Brunning read out the Treasurers summary of actions:

The 'Terms of Reference' have been agreed by both Parishes, the plan and list of priorities will be discussed at the next GA/LAPC meetings. Following the last meeting Hiscox are now the provider for the 'Recreation Ground Insurance'. Quotes for the tree works are being sought and work will be completed after the birds have finished nesting. The draft final accounts will be presented at the next meeting for agreement. With effect from the next meeting the Treasurers report will include a spreadsheet with the bank statements. They can be reconciled in line with terms of reference. The Whoopsy Daisy contract will continue but will be reviewed at the time of budget planning., The contract will be updated once the document the original contract has been accessed. The committee were made aware of the Public Liability Insurance £5,000,000 valid until April 2019.

Audit Arrangements: It was agreed by the committee that Mike Gutteridge should complete the Audit at a fee of £23.00 per hour and that the budget for this should be set at £150.00 :Proposed LP Seconded PZ.

E-Banking – Gda and PB have access and Lloyds bank have confirmed that SS and LP should be able to sign up via the Lloyds Bank website. LP to organise a time with GDa to sign up to the E-Banking

5 Children's play area

5.1 General condition – good

Peter reported that RoSPA have sent their Annual Safety report on the Play Equipment, which the committee can look at:

<https://playbase.rosaplaysafety.co.uk/Inspections/index.php?ID=C2476B77-7DB0-A942-B6B9-C2A12B993DE8>. There are no major problems with the equipment. A minor issue is a missing cap on one of the Kompan. Rockers. Only the play area was covered in the first Inspection report therefore all the other equipment and areas will be need to be inspected.

5.2 Updated Quotes for Fencing around Children's Playarea.

Charlotte presented the 3 quotes for the new fencing around the Children's play area.: Fenland Leisure Products: £14,284.80 inc VAT

KEDEL: £13,149.92 inc. VAT

Marmax £16,498 inc VAT

After a discussion of the quotes it was agreed unanimously that Fenland Leisure Products would be the provider: Proposed PZ Seconded LP

The committee formally thanked Charlotte for all her hard work.

6 Multi- sport area

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6.1 General Condition – leaves need to be removed again from the corners of the MUGA.

6.2 Fencing – the fencing will be replaced where it disintegrated and had to be removed

6.3 Painting and remarking – this is still being investigated

7. Outdoor gym

7.1 No known issues. Squeaky skier seems fine after greasing.

8. Ground condition -

8.1 General condition- We need to monitor rabbit holes and mole hills but it is very difficult to eliminate them as it is an open area. DP also noted that the large number of twigs causes problems for the gang mower but this is another problem that is tricky to solve.

9. Equipment

9.1 New equipment and future planning

It has already been agreed that we should purchase a table and bench.

A discussion was held on whether it might be worth investigating facilities for barbequing, as members of public have used disposable barbecues on the field and have caused damage to the grass and melted the top of one of the plastic picnic tables.

Section 106 Funding

- Improvements to the M.U.G.A
- Pump Track
- Monkey Bars this is a possibility which needs further research.

10. Tree Survey progress

We are obliged to replace the Ash that was felled in January - with an oak, maple, plane, walnut, or lime. DP suggested a Hungarian Oak. It was suggested that the area could be tidied up and perhaps some shrubs planted to improve the area and possibly partly hide the container. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

11. Pump Track

An update and a request for help was published in the A&H News recently. There have been a few enthusiastic responses so far. AC has drawn up revised plans for the design and will review this design with interested parties, including the school. PB has contacted the planners and will submit more detailed pre-app plans for advice from them. We anticipate that we will specify a tarmac surface and need a budget of around £50 000.

12. Fencing

The Bakers have repaired the fencing near the churchyard and also a length near the school. They will replace the mesh behind the goal of the MUGA with some similar to the original mesh. DP mentioned a gap under the fence between the cricket meadow and the play area.

13. A O B

DP noted that the horse chestnut tree near the road bridge, in front of the pumping station, was clearly dying. He suggested that it could be turned into a sculpture.

14. Date of next meeting: 02/07/2018 at 19:00 at The Abington Village Institute

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Meeting closed at 8.45 pm