

Abington Recreation Ground Committee

Meeting No. 223 held on Monday 28th September 2020 at 7.00pm – The meeting was held virtually on the 'Zoom platform' due to the Covid 19 Restrictions.

Minutes

Meeting began at 7.00 pm

Those present at the meeting were: Louise Patten, Peter Brunning, Richard Allum, Charlotte Adams, David Pimblett, Jill Carter and Stephen McDonnell

1. Apologies for absence: Genevieve Dalton, Richard Smith & Dennis Tiplady. Emma Pery has chosen to resign from the Committee. The Committee formally wished to thank her for the contribution that she had made.
2. Minutes of previous meetings: 6th July 2020 deferred until the next meeting.
3. Matters arising – other than being considered below

4. Treasurers Report

4.1 Finance Report

4.2 Balance & Payments

ABINGTON RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE: FINANCE REPORT – September 2020

BALANCES

	TOTAL	CURRENT (Treasurers a/c)	DEPOSIT (Instant a/c)
2.9.2020 per bank statement	£11,108.26	£ 1247.43	£ 9860.83.

PAYMENTS MADE

Whoopsy Daisy standing orders July & Aug x2	£ 143.00
PAYMENT DUE	
Whoopsy Daisy Standing Order September	£ 71.50

INCOME	
Interest May & June	£ 0.76

- There are no payments to agree.
- Whoopsy Daisy have suggested payment should be deducted for holidays. ARGC has not done this in the past. It would mean sending an invoice or amending the Standing order. 1 week holiday = £16.50. The rate has not changed since the contract was first set up. The Committee might consider this service is good value for money even allowing for the occasional holiday. The committee felt that there was no need to make any changes- Proposer – LP, Seconded Stephen McDonnell.
- Parish Councils: I will raise invoices for full year amounts . LAPC £ 2756.00 and GAPC £4135.00
- Budget Planning. The Parish Councils will need an indication of ARGC's grant request in October/early November ready for their own budget planning.

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SUMMARY YEAR TO DATE

ABINGTON RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2020-21					
		Prepared		2.9.2020	
	Month	5		42%	
EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	EXPENDITURE YTD	VARIANCE against plan	% OF BUDGET	Notes
VAT		28.10			
GRASS CUTTING	1,250.00	0.00	1,250.00	0	
MAINTENANCE/REPLACEMENT	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0	
CAPITAL PURCHASES	500.00	0.00	500.00		
BIN EMPTYING	948.00	357.50	590.50	38	
TREE WORK	1,000.00	49.99	950.01	5	
SAFETY INSPECTION	1,116.00	140.50	975.50	13	
INSURANCE	746.00	0.00	746.00	0	
AUDIT	158.00	150.00	8.00	95	planned
SUNDRIES	50.00	0.00	50.00		
HALL HIRE	72.00	12.00	60.00	17	
pump track	3,200.00		3,200.00		
new trees	500.00		500.00		
fencing	500.00		500.00		
TOTAL	11,040.00	738.09	10,301.91	7	
INCOME					
	BUDGET	INCOME YTD	VARIANCE against plan	% OF BUDGET	Notes
GAPC GRANT	4135.00	0.00	-4,135.00	0	
LAPC GRANT	2756.00	0.00	-2,756.00	0	
INTEREST	5.00	1.24	-3.76	25	
OTHER	0.00				
VAT Refund	300.00				
TOTALS	7196.00	1.24	7,194.76	0	
BALANCES per bank statement 2 Sept 2020					
CURRENT ACCOUNT (Treasurers)		1,247.43			
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT (Instant)		9,860.83			
TOTAL		£ 11,108.26			

Proposed – Richard Allum Seconded - LP

5. COVID -19 Actions Required

- 5.1 Update on reopening Play areas and use of play equipment -
- 5.2 Procedures
- 5.3 Notices
- 5.4 Inspection of Equipment

6. Children's play area

- 6.1 Reopening – done on 4 July after inspection and rabbit hole filling
- 6.2 General condition – need clean-up working party, also filling rabbit holes
- 6.3 Signage – SCDC distancing signs installed, wording for ARGC signs
- 6.4 Outstanding RoSPA items – new swing chains – Bird foul deterrent . The committee agreed to purchase bird spikes to reduce the amount of bird foul on the swing seats at a cost of up to £100. Proposer: PB Seconded LP. Action: PB

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7. Multi- sport area

7.1 Reopening – completed on 4 July 2020 after inspection

7.2 General Condition – weeds have been cleared by LP and surface swept.

7.3 MUGA refurbishment – an estimate has been provided for a full refurbishment including extension to the MUGA and new fencing. 2/3 more companies need to be contacted for quotes. Action: LP

7.3.1 Preliminary discussion with Trees officer – Peter has contacted the Tree Officer – The Tree Officer suggested that Pre-App be put in for the M.U.G.A and include the removal of the tree.

8. Outdoor gym –

8.1 General condition - good

8.2 Bolt replacement on pull-up exerciser done by RS/PB A local resident reported that two bolts had come loose on the Pull Up Exercise Machine. PB & RS repaired the equipment.

9. Ground Condition

9.1 General Condition – The football pitch is being looked after by the football club - rabbit holes are being filled on a regular basis.

9.2 More iron posts removed by RS

9.3 New Trees – DP – A parishioner is willing to donate a walnut tree it was suggested to put it near the shoal.

9.4 Hazel and hawthorn bushes are encroaching towards the gym equipment. Richard Smith and David are working to maintain the trees between the school and the western edge. Following discussion it was agreed that Andy Mason from the Abington Saw Mill should be contacted– Jill Carter to make contact and arrange a time to meet with Richard & David.

10. Equipment

10.1 New equipment and future planning – S106 Funding – to be updated at next meeting.

10.2 Zip Wire – S106 - £10,000 Funding – Funding has been specifically allocated for the purchase of a zipwire. The committee will lose this funding if not spent as it cannot be reallocated. CA agreed to get 3 quotes for the purchase and installation of a zip wire.

11. Pump Track Update Report: AC/PB

11.1 Progress Report – Clark and Kent have failed to make any contact. PB/AC contacted a new company Aaron Cartwright – Cartwright Associates. A new design has been commissioned £3276.50 plus VAT – An email was circulated to the committee 9th September 2020. The committee has now agreed to the change of designer and the cost remains the same – proposer – Charlotte Adams and Seconded – Richard Allum.

Peter Brunning to draft a letter to Cartwright Associates

11.2 Possible help with obtaining grants to be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Fault reporting

12.1 What should clerks do when informed? Clerks to be told to contact Richard Smith & Peter Brunning.

13. Date of next meeting – 7th December 2020 7pm on 'Zoom'.

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