

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 10th September 2015 at 7.00 p.m.
in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash

PRESENT Councillors: Mrs J Falp
 A Barton
 S Button
 G Cancilla
 R Margrave
 S McFadden
 T Shepherd
 J Short
 R Sparkes
 S Vaughan

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Herbert - Groundsman

H16/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

H17/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.

H18/15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2015 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.

H19/15 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

H45/15 Electronic Noticeboard – need to source quotations if this is to be included in the 2016 - 2017 precept.

H75/15 Hall Project List – the shutters at the Community Hall have been serviced and repaired.

H12/15 Whitnash Open Spaces – Cllr Mrs Falp has not done anything about finding a sponsor for the Millennium Garden or spoken to Rose Winship about access from the Woodside Farm Development onto Harbury Lane Playing

Fields. Cllrs Mrs Falp and Margrave met with the Police Inspector and PCSO Steve Sample is back in Whitnash.

H20/15 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure was forwarded to all members.

Cllr Mrs Falp told Members that the Football Section at Whitnash Sports and Social Club have emailed the Town Council to say that only one pitch would be required by the Saturday team and that this will be shared with the Sunday side. As the Licence Agreement was signed between Whitnash Town Council and Whitnash Sports and Social Club notification of the termination of the other pitch needs to come from Whitnash Sports and Social Club not the football team. The income from one pitch will be lost, but will be advertised for other teams to use in future. The new team will need to provide their own goal posts etc.

Cllrs Button, Margrave and Sparkes declared an interest as members of Whitnash Sports and Social Club.

H21/15 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

The advice received from the gas safety inspection was acted on and Members decided that replacing the gas pipe to the community hall was too expensive and were concerned why this had not been flagged up earlier. Members suggested Transco look into this problem.

The Groundsman's contract is due to go out to tender and this will be discussed at the Staffing Committee meeting.

The 3 new benches that we got a grant for will be placed in St Margaret's Church cemetery and two on Washbourne Playing Fields. Cllr Mrs Falp will ask A C Lloyd if they will sponsor a new bench at Brook Valley. Also need to precept for slabs under the benches.

H22/15 ASBESTOS RE-INSPECTION REPORT

The Asbestos re-inspection report identified the ceiling tiles in caretaker's store and new document store as having asbestos this was not identified on original report. As are out of reach no action will be taken and will be added to the asbestos plan for contractors.

Cllr Button will carry out another risk assessment at the hall.

H23/15 WINTER FLOWER BARRELS

The quote for the winter flower barrels was approved. Members asked the Groundsman to assess the barrels as some may need to be replaced.

H24/15 HANGING BASKETS 2015

The reply letter from Warwick District Council regarding the hanging baskets was read. If a reasonable price for watering the hanging baskets could be sourced the committee could look at a different supplier. Members proposed that the hanging baskets be ordered from Warwick District Council again next year in the hope they will be more colourful than they were this year.

H25/15 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Charges for 'sub committees' hiring the Community Hall was discussed. Members proposed that the committee room can be used free of charge and where ever possible on the same night as the hall is being used to save on costs. Any functions held in the hall will be at cost.

Cllrs Button, Margrave and Sparkes declared an interest as members of Whitnash Twinning Association.

H26/15 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Millennium Garden – hedges have been cut and weeding done.

Washbourne Playing Field - Trees backing on to a house in Rowley Road will be cut when the leaves have fallen. A resident spoke to Cllr McFadden and suggested that low level fencing should be put around the play equipment so that young children will be safe to ensure dogs do not run into the area and frighten the children. This will be considered when the new play equipment is decided on.

Cllr Short said that if there was proper access onto Harbury Playing Fields dog walkers would use that area to walk their dogs rather than us Washbourne.

Plough Green notice board – Cllr McFadden asked if it would be worthwhile 'renting' out the space on the banner board on Chapel Green to local organisations and groups who have events coming up. It was decided not to pursue this idea.

Acre Close – Measured Mile quotations from suppliers need to be submitted to WREN as this project needs to be completed by November 2015. The POD will be removed as it is no longer used.

A quotation has been received to 'verti-drain' the football pitches at Acre Close for an amount of £920. To apply drainage sand over the two pitches would cost £3245.00. Members proposed that this is not done as currently only one football pitch is in use at Acre Close. Cllr Sparkes said that apparently there are agricultural drains on Acre Close that have been identified.

The Feasibility Study has been completed and all members were sent a copy.

H27/15 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter was received from Joanne Herbert to operate a Snack Van at Acre Close during weekends and school holidays. Members agreed to this in principle. The Town Council will require more detailed proposal and business plan to consider before making a decision.

H27/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the chairman declared the meeting closed.

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