

## WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

### HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash

PRESENT                    Councillors: R Margrave – Chairman  
   S Button  
   G Cancilla  
   Mrs J Falp  
   B Franklin  
   T Heath  
   S McFadden  
   J Short

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

IN ATTENDANCE: Dave Herbert - Groundsman

#### H01/17 NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND DEPUTY FOR 2017 - 2018

Cllr Margrave was nominated and elected as Chairman and Cllr Mrs Falp was nominated and elected as Deputy Chairman for 2017 - 2018

#### H02/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Sage and Shepherd.  
Apologies were accepted.

#### H03/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

#### H04/17 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.  
Cllr Cancilla did tender his apologies for the meeting.

#### H05/17 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

**H72/17 Whitnash Open Spaces** – Cllr Mrs Falp and Dave Herbert went to the Gallagher site and the tree stumps were marked out and should receive these in

January / February 2018.

**H73/17 Correspondence** – Cllr Mrs Falp has spoken to Lynne Gourgeon and she is still keen to help.

**H81/17 Notice Board** – Cllr Mrs Falp is meeting with Persimmon and will ask about the notice board and funding.

**H83/17 Whitnash Open Spaces** – The new gate has been installed at Acre Close, but no restriction sign on the top barrier yet and still waiting for another padlock for the main gate.

#### H06/17 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

PAT testing has been done.

Fire extinguishers will be serviced in October 2017.

Outstanding projects are Whitnash Time Line and Map of Public Footpaths in Whitnash

#### H07/17 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Hall and Playing Fields income and expenditure was forwarded to all Members. Overspend on Hall Cleaning already due to only budgeting for 4 weeks holiday cover and new Caretaker started mid-May so we have had to carry an additional 6 weeks of cleaning costs.

#### H08/17 WASHBOURNE PLAY EQUIPMENT

Wicksteed has notified us that due to comments from some customers and the general public that the trapeze crossing on the junior multi play unit is too high and the level of physical challenge presents a potential for injury to users they have decided to remove the trapeze rings as a standard product. They have however, confirmed that it complies with EN 1176 and has been tested by TuV for compliance to this standard, certificates are available on request.

Members proposed that the trapeze crossing is installed as planned and that the signage indicates the that equipment is used at own risk.

#### H09/17 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

New caretaker settling in.

The Groundsman needs to replace the metal grill onto a wooden frame to replace on the hall window.

#### H10/17 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

There are nets and wooden posts missing from the Frisbee Golf circuit at Washbourne Playing Fields after the illegal traveller encampment. The circuit needs to be publicised as it is not well used. Cllr Heath will speak to PCSO Steve Sample and also find out if the frisbee discs are still available at the Hodcarrier. Manoj at Warwick District Council has funding available to repair the circuit and promote it.

Warwick District Council has put £175 000 in their budget for preventative measures to

deter illegal traveller encampments. Whitnash Town Council cannot reclaim retrospectively.

Members suggested that a 'Friends of Washbourne Playing Fields' be set up that forms part of the Hall and Playing Fields Committee. Residents will be asked at the launch of the new play area.

Britain in Bloom was discussed and residents would need to get this up and running in order for it to move forward.

Bulb planting (crocuses) around the bollards was suggested and Dave Herbert would find out the cost of buying bulbs.

Cllr Mrs Falp would 'lead' with the Community Champions to start looking after open spaces in the town.

Committee will also look at precepting for 'hanging planters' for the railings at Acre Close.

Flower tub at Acre Close will be replaced, but need to identify funding in the current budget.

Members discussed extra picnic benches at Acre Close and agreed to purchase two more brown benches if funding could be identified in the current budget.

DDA swing for Acre Close play area – quotation sourced from Wicksteed – image and quote received. A single Viking swing with one Mirage seat would cost £3462.95 and Viking swing with 1 x Mirage seat and 1 x flat seat would cost £4460.75. Members proposed that the Mirage and flat seat option be accepted.

Red Phone Box will be collected for restoration on either 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017.

The Notice Board at Acre Close needs to be varnished and the Measured Mile seems very soggy.

Mr Harris who runs the adult football team on Acre Close Playing Field is not happy that the Whitnash Sports and Social Club are negotiating that an under 13, 14, 15 and 16 team use the pitch that the adult team maintain.

The Whitnash Sports and Social Club hold the Licence to occupy one football pitch and the current Licence Agreement 'Designated Use' specifies that the playing of fixtures organised under the auspices of the respective league or competition organisers, or for managed training session by up to 3 teams of the Licensee. As the Licence for the Football pitch is with Whitnash Sports and Social Club, Mr Harris needs to liaise with them. *(Cllr Button declared an interest as a Member of the WS&SC).*

#### H11/17 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence received.

#### H12/17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

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

SIGNED ..... DATE .....