

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL	
HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE	
Minutes of the meeting held on 31 st October 2019 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash	
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IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs T Heath, T Shepherd and Dave Herbert	
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The Grass Cutting Tender notice for 2020 – 2021 will be publicised.

35/19 ONGOING PROJECTS, ACTIONS AND DECISIONS

The lower gate on the height restrictor at Acre close will be removed from the list as this will be removed when construction on the new hub starts.
The area behind Rowley Road will be opened up, strimmed and the canopies of the trees lifted. Suggested that bluebells and snow drops could be planted there to create a woodland area.

36/19 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 23rd October 2019 was forwarded to Members. There is an overspend on shutter maintenance at the hall.

37/19 PRECEPT 2020 - 2021

Cllr Barton explained various savings that could be made on the hall precept for 2020 – 2021. There is funding that can be transferred to the Civic Centre and Library. Cllr Barton worked through the list indicating possible savings / increases where necessary. A gardener (on an ad hoc basis) will be included in the precept to attend to flower beds etc. Money needs to be spent on the basketball court and this work will be carried out in the new financial year. Improvements to Chapel Green will be undertaken in the current financial year. Kerry is currently working on the precept figures. Members voted in favour of the proposed changes.

38/19 COMMUNITY HUB GRANT INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

A copy of the Community Hub Grant income and expenditure report was emailed to Members for information.

39/19 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Window broken at the Community Hall over past weekend. Crime number obtained. Asked Police to check CCTV footage.
There is a toilet leaking in the ladies' section.

40/19 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Access gate onto Washbourne Playing Fields – a resident in Rowley Road has erected a new fence which includes an access gate onto Washbourne Playing fields. Members were not in favour of gates onto the playing field. A letter will be sent to the occupier.

31 Washbourne Road – resident has requested that the birch trees overhanging the property along with the saplings are removed as there could be potential root damage to drive.

Dobson Lane bench – Members proposed that this bench is relocated to Acre Close playing field once the Civic Centre and Library project is complete.

Noticeboard at Acre Close shops – the Groundsman will remove this noticeboard and refurbish it and return it.

Rail planters – the Groundsman will ‘space’ these out before the winter bedding is replanted.

41/19 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

42/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23rd January 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

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

SIGNED DATE