

<p align="center">WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL</p> <p align="center">HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE</p> <p align="center">Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2020 at 7.00 p.m. in the Whitnash Town Council office, Franklin Road, Whitnash</p>	
<p>PRESENT</p>	<p>Councillors: Mrs J Falp – Deputy Chairman G Cancilla R Margrave W Pickett S Vaughan</p> <p>Town Clerk: Jenny Mason</p>
<p><u>44/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</u></p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Barton, Button, Sparkes and Dave Herbert (Groundsman). Apologies were accepted.</p>	
<p><u>45/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest at the start of the meeting.</p>	
<p><u>46/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2019 as circulated were approved and signed as a true record.</p>	
<p><u>47/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES</u></p> <p>40/19 Whitnash Open Spaces Access gate onto Washbourne Playing Fields – Cllr Franklin has spoken to the resident and he was not aware that he could not install a gate leading onto the playing field. He will contact the Town Council if he needs access to the field.</p> <p>Acre Close notice board – cannot open the notice board due to rain the board has swollen.</p>	
<p><u>48/20 OUTSTANDING PROJECT AND ACTIONS</u></p> <p>The measured pathway for Washbourne Playing Field can no longer rely on S106 money as the small development alongside Mallory Grange is no longer eligible to contribute S106 money.</p>	

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Quotes have not yet been sourced for flattening the soil in the area behind Rowley Road.

Tree maintenance a quotation has been received.

49/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 14th January 2020 was emailed to all Members. There is an overspend of £159 for hall shutter maintenance.

The Japanese knotweed will be inspected again in the summer.

Hall lettings have not changed.

50/20 CIVIC CENTRE AND LIBRARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Civic Centre and Library income and expenditure report as at 14th January 2020 was emailed to all Members and noted.

51/20 GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT

Two quotations were sourced for the grass cutting contract.

Members proposed that the contract is awarded to Countrywide Grounds Maintenance.

52/20 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

Grass cutting contractual agreement for 2020 – 2021 will be renewed with Countrywide.

Asbestos Survey to be done in February 2020.

Annual emergency lighting test due in February 2020.

53/20 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Metal plate on entrance door was missing. Groundsman found it on playing field. Ian Colls has refitted it as the wood on the door is rotting.

The light outside the entrance to the Community Hall is not working.

54/20 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Parking notice at entrance gate to Acre Close Playing Field has been vandalised. Cost to replace it is £90 + VAT. Members agreed that it was not worth replacing the sign as if construction work starts the gate and fencing will probably be removed.

Quotation for tree work at Washbourne Playing Fields has been received – money in reserves to carry out this work. Members proposed that an order

be issued to carry out this work. It was requested that the mulch be placed on the 'mud steps' near Rowley Road.

It was also suggested that Bluebells are planted under the trees and crocus bulbs on the mounds. This should be included in the precept for 2021 – 2022.

55/20 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Email sent to Cllr Mrs Falp from Chris Peel who is part of Woodland Trust's Big Climate Fightback campaign was read by Cllr Mrs Falp at the meeting. Mr Peel is looking for spare land the council may have that could be used to plant his trees. The Town Council does not have space to plant trees, but Cllr Mrs Falp suggested that the two trees to the entrance of Erica Drive that were removed because of disease could be replaced. This is County Highway land. Members proposed that we ask Mr Peel what trees would be planted. Once we know the Groundsman can be consulted as well.

56/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 26th March 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

There being no further business the deputy Chairman declared the meeting closed.

SIGNED DATE