

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the **remote** meeting held on 24th September 2020 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors: A Barton – Chairman
 R Margrave
 W Pickett
 R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

19/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Button and Mrs Falp.
Apologies were accepted.

20/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Sparkes declared an interest as a member of Whitnash Sports and Social Club.

21/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meetings held on 10th September and 25th June 2020 as circulated were approved and will be signed as a true record when face to face meetings are held again.

22/20 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

25th June 2020 minutes:

10/20 Whitnash Open Spaces: *Cllr Mrs Falp enquired about the whether the trees were obscuring the cameras at Washbourne playing fields / Coppice Road. Cllr Mrs Falp had a reply to say that there is no need to do anything about the trees this year as there is no obstruction to the CCTV cameras.*

Perimeter clearance is on the list.

10th September 2020 minutes:

There were no matters arising.

23/20 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

Annual surveys and tests have been delayed due to the lockdown of covid19 so will be carried out as soon as possible - Hearing loop test; Asbestos Survey; Heating Service and Fire extinguisher test. Quotations to replace the bark in the play equipment at Acre Close will also be sourced.

24/20 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 15th September 2020 was sent to all Members.

25/20 COMMUNITY HUB INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The Civic Centre and Library income and expenditure as at 15th September 2020 was emailed to all Members and was noted.

26/20 RE-OPENING COMMUNITY HALL COVID 19 NOTES

A copy of the informal notes taken to make the Community Hall covid19 secure prior to opening. Cllr Barton explained that these meetings were important to ensure the safe opening of the hall. Current hall users have been sent an email to ensure that their governing bodies and insurance providers are happy that they comply with the latest covid19 guidelines as set out from 24th September 2020 by the government.
The Clerk will apply for a QR code for the Community Hall.

27/20 USE OF WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Recently there have been enquires with regard to using the playing fields in Whitnash for boot camps and outside exercise classes. A draft Policy for the use of Whitnash Town Council's Open Spaces was emailed to Members ahead of the meeting. Some minor amendments were made and Members present voted in favour of the Policy being approved. An hourly rate would be charged for any commercial organised activity and organisers would need to provide a Risk Assessment, Public Liability Certificate as well as a covid19 risk assessment before the area can be used.
Cllr Cancilla joined the meeting at 19h15.

28/20 PRECEPT 2021 – 2022

Expenditure should be kept to the current rate of inflation.
Three quotations need to be sourced to flatten the mound and slope on the Rowley Road side of Washbourne Playing Field - £500 to be put in the precept.
Suggestion for a brick flower bed at Home Farm shops where the tree has died. Cllr Barton will speak to Lynne to find out if she has any ideas.

29/20 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Covid19 rules and regulations has conflicting guidance and are difficult to decipher. Current hall users will continue to use the hall during the construction of the new Civic Centre and Library. Water usage went up during lockdown due to regular flushing of the pipes.

30/20 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Washbourne Playing Fields: Perimeter needs strimming again and saplings need cutting. The hanging baskets and tubs looked really nice this year.

Community Orchard: A resident emailed to find out if Whitnash Town Council would be interested in establishing a community orchard on a patch of ground at the far end of the playing fields. Members decided not to pursue this suggestion as the construction of the new Civic Centre and Library will take up additional space on Acre Close Playing Field.

Dog Litter bins: Fortress have put a notice on the bin to say no dog waste and we could be fined between £1000 - £10 000. Dog litter is picked up and disposed of with the litter pick. A quotation has been sourced from a company to provide four plastic dog bins and they are able to do a weekly collection service to empty the bins. Cost for 4 bins in total for Acre Close and Washbourne Playing Fields is £730 + VAT and the weekly collection service is £125 + VAT per calendar month.

Members asked if there was a minimum contract period and also questioned the disposal of 'general waste' in the dog poo bin and also asked to see what the bins look like.

Members voted in favour of purchasing the dog bins and having weekly collections. There was one abstention.

31/20 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

32/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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

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

SIGNED DATE