

WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL

HALL AND PLAYING FIELD (GENERAL) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the **remote** meeting held on 28th January 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT Councillors: A Barton – Chairman
 S Button
 G Cancilla
 Mrs J Falp
 B Franklin
 R Margrave
 R Sparkes

Town Clerk: Jenny Mason

47/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

48/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

49/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th November 2020 as circulated were approved and will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

50/21 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THOSE MINUTES

44/20 Whitnash Open Spaces – Flower bed at Home Farm Crescent – Cllr Margrave received a reply from WCC Forestry and they will inform Council via the office when a decision has been made regarding the replacement tree on the 'island' outside the shops.

51/21 HALL AND PLAYING FIELDS PROJECT LIST

Carbon monoxide batteries will need replacing – Cllr Barton will replace the batteries.

52/21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT

The income and expenditure report as at 19th January 2021 was emailed to all Members. Hall lettings are down due to the covid19 lockdowns. The Clerk has applied for the latest lockdown grant from Warwick District Council.

53/21 WHITNASH CIVIC CENTRE & LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION PHASE FUNDING

The Civic Centre and Library Construction phase funding was emailed to all Members.

54/21 REVIEW POLICY FOR USE OF WHITNASH TOWN COUNCIL'S OPEN SPACES

The Policy for the use of Whitnash Town Council's Open Spaces was agreed and will go to Town Council meeting in February for approval and adoption.

55/21 WHITNASH COMMUNITY HALL

Gas meter: We have received a report from EON regarding the gas supply capacity check results for the gas supply at the Community Hall. The incoming pipe work is insufficient for the maximum gas supply of 130 kWh. The service can currently only supply a maximum of 109 kWh. The incoming gas pipework (from gate at Acre Close to Community Hall) needs to be upgraded before a new gas meter can be installed. Replacing the existing gas with electricity and insulating the hall was suggested as an alternative. Cllr Barton will meet the gas engineers to ascertain how the problem can be solved.

56/21 WHITNASH OPEN SPACES

Gardener: A casual gardener has been interviewed and will hopefully start tending the rose garden around the War Memorial, Heathcote / Tachbrook Road traffic lights flower bed, planter and smaller flower bed on Town Green and Millennium Garden.

Acre Close Playing Field: Will the bench on the far side of the playing field near Palmer Road be replaced?

Measured ½ mile: The measured mile will not be re-instated at Acre Close due to the location of the new Civic Centre and Library and the positioning of the football and rugby pitches. It was suggested that a grant is obtained to install a new measured mile at Washbourne Playing Fields. Cllr Mrs Falp will request a layout of the field to be sent to the committee indicating where the rugby and football pitches, skate ramp and gym equipment will be located.

57/21 CORRESPONDENCE

Cllr Mrs Falp was contacted regarding a request to 'purchase' some of Washbourne Playing Field. Public Open Space cannot be sold and this request would not be considered.

58/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th March 2021 at 7.00 p.m.

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

SIGNED DATE