

**LEISURE COMMITTEE MINUTES of the meeting held on 24th May 2021
At 7pm in the Town Hall.**

Present: Cllrs M Baker, K Bayes, N Baverstock, P Eden, C Gelinias, M Lilley, H Morgan (chair).

Clerk: Mrs Sarah Hunt

1. Chair to the Committee.

Cllr H Morgan was confirmed as Chair to the Committee. PROPOSED Cllr Bayes, seconded Cllr Gelinias.

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st March 2021 were AGREED as a true and correct record and will be signed by the Chair.

3. Apologies.

Cllr P Hanton – absent.

4. Declaration of Interests.

None.

5. Updates on Matters not on the Agenda.

No decisions are to be taken under this item – for information only.

5.1 Recreation Benches/Memorial Board – June agenda following budget review.

5.2 Clearance of wooded area at Recreation Ground. Cllrs Hanton/Morgan tidied the back wooded area with volunteers. A regular working party to be convened to work on Fridays.

5.3 Millside – update on works and opening. Some work has been completed, concerns expressed over tape attached to trim trail. To be looked at by working party.

5.4 Recreation Field – removal of Climbing Frame. Cllr Lilley to look at process of dismantling.

5.5 Millside – NOTED all fencing now replaced/removed by home owners as requested.

5.6 Dog bin. To confirm that the dog bin has been removed from the recreation ground. Hopefully this will reduce the amount of dog exercising on the field.

6. Public Participation.

None.

7. To consider Council Insurance Renewal Quotation.

Community Action Suffolk had not returned a quotation. It was RESOLVED to accept the three year quotation of £1750.66 from BHIB Insurance.

8. Recreation Ground.

8.1 Car Park. To note that the construction company are monitoring the wheel ruts that have developed in the car park. A quotation has been received for £30.00 per spray of the car park. Clerk to action as necessary.

8.2 Gate repairs U 8's – remain outstanding. Solution to be investigated.

8.4 Replacement item for the igloo to be investigated by Trustees at next meeting.

8.5 Noticeboard at Recreation area to be investigated by Trustees at next meeting.

8.6 Facebook page to be set up for Recreation Ground Charity.

8.7 Notices to be placed to advise residents that antisocial behaviour should be reported officially facebook/website/noticeboards. Cllr Baverstock to take to next SNAP meeting.

8.5 Bin emptying. Clerk to be kept up to date with non-collection in order to raise this

with NNDC. It is currently on a twice weekly, all year collection. Mill side bin also to be reported and refund sought if charges are to be paid.

8.6 Skate Ramp repairs update. Cllr Gelinas has undertaken some repairs however wood is splitting in some places and more extensive repairs will be necessary shortly. To Trustees.

8.7 Cllr P Hanton has agreed to lubricate the swings.

9. Millside

9.1 To note that the workman employed is unable to place an additional post alongside the gate to close the gap as the gatepost has been situated in concrete which prevents the work being undertaken. Cllr Lilley to investigate options. Working party to take place on 4th June at Millside, 10am. All Councillors possible to attend.

9.2 Rotor Spinner – this is situated in concrete. To consider the best way to remove the equipment. To be investigated by working party on 4th June 2021.

9.3 Spraying quotation received of £12.50. It was AGREED that this should be instructed as necessary.

10. Staithe/Picnic Area.

A working party has cleared brambles and overgrowth from the corner at the Picnic area.

In relation to the Piling, there is a camera investigation of the road drain scheduled for Thursday 27th May. Cllr Toone and Clerk to attend.

The work so far has indicated that the entire length of new piling will need to be removed and replaced.

It was AGREED that the insurance company be advised the failure had occurred.

It was AGREED that a company quote be sourced for a report giving evidence of what had caused the issue should this be suitable following the investigation by Highways.

Legal advice may need to be sought moving forwards.

Councillors present reviewed the budget for Leisure as set for 2021/22. The grass cutting/maintenance is a fixed cost. £1,000 of the skatepark budget to be added to Ear Marked Reserves, the remaining £4,000 to be released for any necessary staithe costings.

The BMX/Cycle track has not been pursued as a project.

To Trustees to consider future plans and possible funding. Cllr Baverstock prepared to evidence using local responses.

Councillors to email Chair with top three ambitions for Recreation Field – project needs to be looked at and then funding sought to deliver.

11. Matters for reporting or future agenda

Next Full Council 14th June 2021 at 7pm – Town Hall.

Next General Purposes Meeting 28th June 2021 at 7pm – Town Hall.

Next Trustee Meeting – date to be set.