



Minutes of a Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting held on the 3rd March 2022 at 8pm in the Wellow Sports Pavilion

Present: Beth Jackson Chair
Mike Clarkson Treasurer
Debbie Clarkson Secretary
Jonathan Wyld
Lisa Hunt
Liv Elliott

1. Apologies were received from Sue Chivers, Sophie Hart and Giles Pearman. The Chair reported the written resignation received from Heather Andrews and thanked her for her contribution to Wellow Recreation.

2. The minutes of the WR Trustees meeting held on the 22nd November 2021 were approved. DC to arrange for these minutes to be placed on the Wellow website (www.wellowparish.info).

3. The Play Park is in good condition having just had its first cut of the year. There was discussion on the topic of the remaining funds held by WR and the PC, totalling £4,936 (after a recent deduction of £150 for the cost of water for irrigation last summer.) There was a consensus that rather than raising the additional £8,000 to buy the final planned piece of play equipment the funds should be held as a sinking fund for future repairs or replacement of play equipment. It was agreed to consult with Rachel Kotchie and other 'mums' who were involved in the design and selection of the play equipment to check if they agree. A suggestion was received from



Sophie Cole suggested that the outdoor gym should be dismantled due to low usage and replaced by an outdoor table tennis table. It was agreed that we should survey village opinion before taking a decision.

4. Finance

MC reported that there had been little movement of funds during the first 2 months of the year except for the welcome contribution of £450 from St. Julian's School towards their use of the tennis courts, playing field and the summer sports day. Thanks were expressed to Beth for her hard work with the school to convince them to become more involved with the sports facilities on the playing field. The current bank balance was £5,853 after deduction of the Play Park funds. There were however several payments due in March so the uncertain income stream was a cause for concern.

5. Pavilion

DC reported the need to increase the income for the Pavilion by advertising the facility. There has been one hire since the start of the financial year and another booked. There were no maintenance issues to report except for that of the new resin-bound surface which has a tendency to be slippery when raining. Signs warning of this have been placed on the ramp and between the courts and the pavilion. MC reported that remedial work cannot be undertaken until the weather becomes warmer and drier.

6. Field Management

The condition of the football pitch continues to be a cause for concern with the goalmouths badly scarred through constant winter use and the pitch 'lumpy' and uneven. Greensward have recommended a process of 'Verti-draining and top-dressing' to level the surface and aerate the root system at a cost of £1,250 plus an extra £495 to repair and re-turf / re-seed the goalmouths. Andy Smith had generously offered to ask the PC to release the £1,000 donation from WVT held by them for repairs to the field and equipment and this, together with WVT's annual £500 contribution to field maintenance would provide most of the funds. It was agreed to go ahead and seek the PC's agreement.



The 3-year fixed price field & play park maintenance contract with Greensward is due for renewal from 1 April. It was agreed to recommend the PC to accept Greensward's offer of a further 3-year fixed price of £3,402 representing an increase of 5% (annual increase 1.67%) with the PC's contribution rising from £1,800 to 1,900 per year, leaving WR to fund the remaining £1,502 per year from contributions from organised sports and fitness groups, playing field hire and other fundraising activities.

7. Community Chest

BJ had received an email from Amanda Dennes re this year's planned events. A Sparkle Party will take place at the end of the year with an emphasis on 'peace'. Other events include the 10k run and the Wellow Parlour Shop will be asked to organize a food and drink event.

8. PR

The meeting welcomed Lisa Hunt who has agreed to become a Trustee at the forthcoming AGM in April. She pointed out the problems with the current website and suggested that a new website using WIX could be set up but keeping the domain name. MC explained the concept behind the wellow.org website hosted by a parishioner and it was agreed that it was beneficial to have one domain that is used by other organizations. She will provide a 'mock up' showing examples of how this can be done. LH stated the need to have a clear calendar of events on the website. She is working on a FB and Instagram accounts which can be updated by LH and SH.

9. The WR AGM will take place on the 7th April 2022.

10. Date of Next Meeting : TBD