



Minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting

Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7:30pm at Vera House, Wellow

Present: Beth Jackson – Chair
Bea Dowty
Mike Clarkson
Heather Andrews
Giles Pearman
Debbie Clarkson

1. **Apologies**

Apologies received from Jonathan Wyld and Sue Chivers

2. **Approve Minutes and Matters Arising**

The minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting held on the 11th August 2020 were approved.

3. **Projects**

i) Play Park Status

MC reported that the Play Park was opened to the public on the 17th July 2020 but is closed this week in order for the new perimeter fencing to be installed. The cost of the fencing is covered by Wellow Parish Council. An independent inspection has been carried out as part of the contract with Sutcliffes and a couple of minor issues were highlighted (report to follow). One of the pieces of equipment is fitted with a clutch which is preventing it from turning at speed. It was agreed that the clutch should be disabled to allow for more free movement and therefore more enjoyment for the users.

There is an outstanding piece of equipment that was chosen for the playpark but due to shortage of funds was not yet installed. There is £5,567 available in the Play Park fund that would cover almost half the cost and it was agreed that further fund raising efforts by the Play Park Team should be made to raise the shortfall.

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions it was agreed that the Grand Opening of the Play Park should be postponed.

ii) Funding Status (see attached Play Park Project Accounts)

iii) ODT - Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions the planned Miracle Theatre production was cancelled. HA had concerns about the theatre company performing more serious plays such as King Lear expressing the view that the audience may prefer more light-hearted productions.

BD put forward a proposal to hold an outdoor drive-in cinema session on the playing field. She will discuss the feasibility of this with the ODT team and report back to WR.



4. Finance & Funding

- i) MC presented the income and expenditure reports for the Sports Pavilion and Wellow Recreation together with the latest statement of sports groups contributions. Current Wellow Rec bank balance stands at £7,078.47, less the ring-fenced sum for Sports & Arts Groups of £2,068.22 giving a total of £5,010.25 available cash. (See attached reports)
- ii) Pavilion (see attached report)
- iii) Sinking Fund - DC reported that WVT is making an annual donation of £1,000 to WPC and has requested that these funds go towards a Playing Field Sinking Fund.

5. Pavilion Status

- i) DC reported that the WC is now open and available for use by sports field users. Due to Covid-19 restrictions the Pavilion is not open to the public. The guidance from .gov.uk allows such buildings to open if access to a WC is required or access to a food facility with a one-way system in place. It was agreed that due to the small size of the building and the absence of staff to oversee social distancing the building should stay closed for the time being.
- ii) Summer refreshments initiative - BD and HA put forward an idea to sell refreshments (ice creams, biscuits, soft drinks etc.) from the entrance door to the Pavilion, taking advantage of the large numbers of play park, tennis and field users. This could provide a welcome service to these users and provide income for WR. A table would be placed in front of the door and one or two volunteers would serve from the kitchen area. It was agreed that BD and HA would put forward a plan to include the financial and safety aspects of the service.
- iii) Pavilion Clock - DC thanked BD and the Boules group for the generous donation of the Pavilion clock.
- iv) MC reported that the broadband contract with BT has now ended and that free broadband for the Pavilion has been made possible due to Truespeed supplying the Village Hall free of charge.
- v) Income & Expenditure - see attached report

6. Field Management

Field Status & Sports Update

- i) Cricket Nets - MC reported that following the storm damage to the cricket nets the damaged cages were disassembled and fortunately one net was assembled from some undamaged parts. WPC has agreed to place an order with the original supplier Tildenet for 2 new cages to be fixed permanently into the ground at a cost of £3,550 plus £385 for powder coating. The work is scheduled for the end of August and any remaining funds will be put towards the cost of improving the field drainage.



- ii) Jogging Track - MC reported that the east and south sides of the track were badly scoured by floodwater in February but that a grant of £4,500 from Sport England was achieved for WPC towards a total project value of £5,000 to repair the jogging track and to replace the cricket nets. The repair work was carried out by Greensward at a cost of £645. The intention is to dig out a sand-filled drain along the North edge of the filled and to refill with aggregate so that the drain can absorb more of the run-off from the field above in extreme weather and thus avoid a recurrence. The run-off from the fields to the West of the playing field also passes under the fence and overwhelms the southern drain, filling up the Boules piste. Studies are being made into how to direct more of the water from the field into the drains at the SW corner.
- iii) Football - The Thursday evening footballers have not been using the field during the pandemic, however the Saturday Walking Footballers have been active since July. The goalposts have been moved to allow remedial work to the goalmouths.
- iv) Outdoor Gym - MC reported that this has had some maintenance issues and the supplier Caloo has since serviced and repaired the equipment at a cost of £395. The invoice has been passed to WPC for payment. WR to transfer the matching funds.
- v) Boot Camp - MC reported that the Boot Camp resumed activity in July and that he was advised by Sam in advance of the re-start. MC reminded him that a small contribution towards the maintenance of the field would be requested as this is a commercial activity. HA announced her intention of starting an older persons' Boot Camp and to find a suitable instructor.
- vi) Noticeboard - DC showed the trustees the external noticeboard that she had sourced for the Playing Field, the cost to be shared between WR and WVT. A discussion followed about the large cost of the time (over £1,000), the size and whether or not there was a need for such an item. It was agreed that a noticeboard would be a good vehicle to advertise the activities on the field and to publicise fund-raising events. The proposed noticeboard is a Dual Door 1000, post-mounted External Noticeboard 1050mm X 1800mm with a Green painted frame. Accessories to include 24 magnets and 4 keys. DC to obtain a final quote and agreement from WVT before asking WPC to place an order.

7. PR

- i) BD said that she would appreciate more content in the form of photographs and amusing stories for the FB and Instagram accounts. She also pointed out that the WR minutes and papers should be uploaded onto the WR website as this is requirement of the WR constitution. It was agreed to ask KB to carry this out.

8. AOB

- i) AGM - BJ proposed a postponement of the AGM until March 2021 and this was agreed by all. She informed the meeting that she is happy to continue as chairman of WR if the Trustees are agreeable and that all Trustees should indicate their intention to continue in post. All present indicated their intention to continue as Trustees and BJ to contact those trustees not present at the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting - TBD