



Minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting held on the 11th March 2021 via Zoom

Present: Beth Jackson - Chair
Debbie Clarkson - Sec
Mike Clarkson
Bea Dowty
Heather Andrews
Giles Pearman
Jonathan Wyld
Sue Chivers

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Kathryn Black

2. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting held on the 20th August 2020 were approved by the meeting.

BD pointed out that it was good practice to identify the meeting date when approving the minutes.

BJ pointed out that WR has been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic in many ways. MC has produced some information detailing what WR actually does and asking what is the vision for the next phase? BJ suggested that the Trustees reconvene shortly to discuss the vision and mission for the future.

3. Projects

i) Play Park Status - MC reported that the project is almost complete and following an independent survey a few snagging items were identified. The contractor has been slow in responding despite the PC withholding the final 5% but they have promised to remedy the issues in April. It was agreed that a Phase 2 project focussing on the fundraising and installation of the final piece of equipment should be launched and discussed at the proposed strategy meeting.

ii) Funding Status - MC presented the Play Park project accounts showing a net cash balance of £5,074,29 after deduction of the retention monies of £2,162,25. This is insufficient to cover the cost of the final piece of equipment which is estimated at over £12,000. It was agreed that a new quotation will be obtained and that additional funding will be sought.

ACTION MC

GP reported that he is applying for a grant from the Coop Bank for £1,000 which has to be submitted by the end of March. There is another possible grant available from Sport England but it is unsure if this project will meet the necessary criteria. This would be for projects over £10,000 therefore the new quotation is needed.

ACTION GP

iii) Outdoor Theatre - Dave Workman had informed MC that the Miracle Theatre had no plans to tour a production in 2021. BD said that the Wellow Arts Group should meet to decide on whether an alternative event is feasible. MC to speak with DW.

4. Finance

Income & Expenditure - MC presented the accounts for WR and the Sports Pavilion and a preliminary forecast for 2021 which includes the annual contribution from Wellow Valley Tennis of £500. It was noted that two fundraising events such as the Sparkle Party will be necessary in the second half of this year in order to break even.

BD suggested that Walking Football should be given a separate column in the Sports Groups Analysis and MC agreed.

BJ suggested that a nominal amount be forecast for income from the Boot Camps.

5. Sports Pavilion Status

i) Pavilion Operations - DC reported that the pavilion has been closed to the public for almost a year and that confirmation is awaited as to when it may reopen. The Pavilion is however designated the official Polling Station for the elections being held on the 6th May. The WC is open to users of the Playing Field and during lockdown is cleaned once per week, the cost of this being borne by WVT. When sport resumes on the 29th March the facility will be cleaned twice a week, the cost shared by WR and WVT.

ii) Income & Expenditure - MC reported that WR's 50% share of the deficit for 2020 was £557.80. Since August 2020 there has been a saving of £56.40 per month thanks to the sharing of the free Truespeed connection from the VH.

6. Field Management

i) Field Status - MC reported that WPC had received a complaint from a neighbouring property regarding run-off of storm water from the Playing Field. A meeting took place between Cllr Dave Workman, MC and Andy Boyce from Greensward and the conclusion was that the storm water originating from the Horlers field to the west was entering the gully to the south-west corner of the PF and overwhelming the capacity of the drains. A quotation has been provided to WPC for additional drain piping to be installed. MC pointed out that infrastructure costs of this nature are the responsibility of WPC. BD said that a report on this issue should be sought from a qualified professional. HA commented that a larger pipe would be preferable to two smaller ones in line with Bernoulli's Theorem.

ii) Sports Update - as the PF has been closed since the beginning of January BD suggested a Zoom meeting with the sports leaders to share plans for restarting sporting activity from the 29th March.

ACTION MC

BJ said that there have been many successes with the sporting groups developing their activities but that more needs to be done. A meeting will be held shortly to discuss and decide on all issues and the way forward.

BD suggested that a large sporting event is planned and DC mentioned the possibility of holding the Wellow Olympics, possibly inviting a neighbouring village to compete against.

7. Communications

i) Social Media - BD reported that there has been a problem with the WR website and that KB has encountered problems with uploading the WR minutes. It appears that no updates can be done until the domain is updated. There are indications that this will be resolved shortly.

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BD said that there was a lack of contributions for WR's social media sites.

ii) Charity Commission - BJ reported that although she had sent the accounts last year to the Charity Commission this was not registering on the CC website. She will work to resolve this issue.

8. Wellow Weekend 21

JW described the celebratory post-lockdown proposed 'Wellow Weekend 21' on the 9th-11th July which is in the process of being organised. All will be asked to help with the many events planned which will include a boules tournament, a cricket match, singing and dancing in the square, a tea party, tug-of-war, a party in the church with our local band and a Special Service of Celebration in St Julian's Church.

9. AOB

BD tendered her resignation as Trustee which was accepted by BJ.

10. Next Meeting

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ACTION DC