



## **Minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting**

**held on the 22nd November 2021 via Zoom**

**Present:** Beth Jackson - Chair  
Mike Clarkson - Treasurer  
Debbie Clarkson - Secretary  
Sue Chivers  
Sophie Hart  
Giles Pearman  
Jonathan Wyld

**1. Apologies** were received from Heather Andrews.

**2.** The minutes from the previous meeting held in June 2021 were approved with no matters arising.

### **3. Play Park Status**

MC reported that the contractor has in effect finished the work having returned to put right certain issues, the noise from the roundabout, the height of the pull-up bars and the re-turfing and strengthening of the mounds. The 'snagging' retention of 2.5% has been released leaving a further guarantee retention of 2.5% of the contract value for one year in case of anything that goes wrong with any piece of equipment. There is still a net £5,087 remaining which is partly held with Wellow Parish Council (£2,673) and partly in WR's bank account (£2,414) towards the next piece of equipment. Further discussions need to take place to decide whether or not to proceed with the final piece of equipment.

MC also reported that some remedial work has been carried out by Mike Cleverly following the ROSPA Play Park Inspection report. The work involved the removal and replacement of some rotted 'legacy' wooden structures, and was paid for by WPC.

It was agreed that any decisions regarding the funds left over from the Play Park project would be postponed until the spring 2022.

### **4. Funding**

MC reported that the current bank balance stands at £7,946 with £2,414 being play park funds and £2,144 ring fenced for sporting & arts groups. The accumulated deficit for the year stands at only £98 which, considering the low level of sports activity and Community Chest fundraising is quite acceptable.



## 5. Pavilion

DC reported that the Pavilion is now being used mainly by the tennis mums and dads but also open to those using the play park. There have been a few hire enquiries which are being followed up.

The accumulated deficit for the year to date totals £749 which is shared equally between WR and WVT and is mainly due to income from Pavilion hires being depressed by the pandemic and by restrictions on indoor socializing.

## 6. Field Management

Participation in sports and fitness activity on the playing field has increased through the year with the football field hired out to various groups and the cricket nets well used. A number of 'boot camps' use the field and the cricket run-ups for fitness exercises and it was agreed that the session leaders should be asked to make a modest contribution (£5 per session) towards maintenance of the field and the cricket carpets.

Beth has been in regular contact with St. Julian's School to promote increased use of the playing field for school sports and it is hoped that this will be realised in 2022.

## 7. PR

SC reported there have been some problems obtaining the necessary log-in details enabling Isabel Shepherd to make amendments to the website. This appears to be resolved and IS now has a task list to work on. SC now has access to the Instagram account and she will be working on the content. She reported that there is a long list of tasks to do with the website and that this should be seen as an ongoing project.

It was agreed that a table linking the website to the Pavilion should be removed as it doesn't actually reflect how the Pavilion is actually used. It fails to work as an interactive booking system and in fact bookings need to be made by directly contacting DC.

Much updating and deleting of content needs to be undertaken and at present the website is not automatically updating the Instagram feed. There is a need for photos of the newly renovated playpark, Wellow boot-camp.

SC has already reached out to many of the users of the Playing Field asking for up-to-date information for example the Wellow 10k. The idea is for there to be short paragraphs about each sport.

MC has volunteered to ask each sporting group for their plans for 2022 and will pass on this information to SC.

DC to send SC info re new boot-camp teacher Sarah King.

It was agreed that a further discussion is needed on how to manage the website going forward and if this is work for a volunteer or maybe a paid worker who has the appropriate tech skills.



## 8. Wellow Flower Show 2022

The Trustees of WR have received an invitation from the Wellow Horticultural Society to enter into a partnership with WHS to deliver the Wellow Flower Show in future years. A joint group would be established to oversee the delivery of the event. The WHS would continue to take responsibility for the running of the horticultural elements.

After much discussion it was decided to decline the invitation considering that the responsibility for the event is beyond the scope of WR at this time. The following message was sent to the Chairman of the WHS.

*'Following a very healthy debate at the Wellow Recreation Trustee meeting last night (Monday 22nd November), I wanted to write to you to and share that we have now fully considered the Hort Soc proposal requesting to enter into a partnership to deliver a Wellow Village Show.*

*Unfortunately, at this time Wellow Recreation Trustees feel the responsibility and time required to fulfil this exercise, are beyond what we have available, especially in a year when several of us will be involved in the organisation of village events celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

*Whilst we can't help form a committee to organise and run a revised annual village flower show, we were heartened to learn that you have received several offers of help from villagers and some of our trustees would be happy to volunteer their support to a small committed group, with the vision and enthusiasm to execute a revised, possibly smaller annual event under the auspices of the Hort Soc.*

*Wellow Recreation is a very small committee of Trustees operating with a limited remit from the Parish Council, which primarily focuses our time on managing and maintaining the playing field, the play park and the Pavilion. We do also promote sporting and fitness activities for the residents of Wellow and our neighbouring villages but we don't directly organise events.*

*Sorry we can't offer you the support requested at this time'.*

## 9. Next Meeting TBC