

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Held in the COUNCIL OFFICE on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr Grudgings (Chair of Recreation Committee); Cllr Hessey; Cllr Andrews; Cllr Parrott; Cllr L'homme; Cllr Duerden; Cllr O'Neil; Cllr Gasper.

Also: Neil Phillips, Tree Warden; Lesley Sanderson (Clerk) Cheryl Small; (Clerk's Assistant).

**R864/20 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Hawes (Unwell).

**Proposed to accept the apologies Cllr Andrews; seconded Cllr Parrott, unanimously agreed.**

**R865/20 Declarations of interests both personal and prejudicial**

Cllr O'Neil will be presenting Flags for Leicestershire.

**R866/20 Approve and sign minutes of Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee as approved by Full Council, were duly signed and adopted as a true record. **Proposed Cllr Andrews; seconded Cllr Duerden; unanimously agreed.**

**R867/20 Matters Arising**

None.

**R868/20 Tree & Flood Warden Report**

The Tree Warden is investigating including the trees from Leicester Grammar School down to St Cuthbert's Church in a conservation area rather than applying for a tree preservation order, Cllr Parrott requested the Recreation Council be involved in creating a plan for the Conservation Area. Cllr Hessey was pleased to report the drain on Church Road/High St junction no longer flooded in heavy rain.

**R869/20 Expenditure & Maintenance Issues**

**A) General**

Recent damage caused by youths to a bin on the Recreation Ground will need a repair. Cllr Duerden enquired about the damaged bin opposite Hillside Garage, Clerk to discuss with HDC.

**B) Skate Park Progress**

The Clerk was pleased to report the council was awarded the grant towards the cost of multi sports area to replace the equipment in the former skate park. The work will start as soon as the weather improves.

**R870/20 VE Day Celebration Progress**

The Clerk's Assistant advised the progress on the VE Day picnic in the park is going well. Many elements are now confirmed, with the U3A Ukulele band performing as well as the Community Choir. The children's activities are to be discussed further at the Junior Council meeting next month.

**R871/20 Happy to Chat Bench**

Cllr Hessey presented the sign for the 1<sup>st</sup> 'Happy to Chat' bench to the Council. The launch date is to be decided when the weather improves.

**R872/20 Flag for Leicestershire**

Professor Graham Shipley is leading a campaign for his flag for Leicestershire to be adopted by the Flag institute as part of a competition run by BBC Leicester. He is looking for local councils to support his entry. The design consists of a cinquefoil (five petalled flower), a running fox with the red and white zig zag background as displayed on Simon De Montfort's shield.

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**Cllr Glasper proposed** the decision to support the submission is taken to Full Parish Council, **seconded by Cllr Parrott. Unanimously agreed.**

**R873/20 Items/Date of next meeting: Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**R874/20 Meeting Closed at: 6.20pm**