

**MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION COMMITTEE**  
**Held in the COUNCIL OFFICE on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm**

Present: Cllr Grudgings (Chair of Recreation Committee); Cllr Gasper; Cllr Hessey; Cllr Hawes; Cllr L'homme, Cllr Duerden.

Also: Lesley Sanderson (Clerk) Cheryl Small, Clerk's Assistant.

**R793/19 Apologies for absence**

Cllr O'Neill; Cllr Parrott; Neil Phillips, Tree Warden.

**R794/19 Declarations of interests both personal and prejudicial**

None.

**R795/19 Approve and sign minutes of Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

The minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee of 26<sup>th</sup> March, as approved by Full Council, were duly signed and adopted as a true record. **Proposed Cllr L'homme; seconded Cllr Hessey; unanimously agreed.**

**R796/19 Matters Arising**

None

**R797/19 Tree & Flood Wardens Report.**

The Tree Warden is in discussions with HDC regarding protection of the hedge around Glen Oaks. The Scots Pines along the back of Coverside Road are a possibility for a Tree Preservation Order after an encouraging response to the Gazette article.

The flooding issue outside the Co-op was caused by builders' debris and broken branches and is now resolved. The Clerk and Tree Warden are still working on resolving the flooding at the junction of Church Rd and High St as well as desilting of the River Sence.

**R798/19 Expenditure & Maintenance Issues**

**A) General**

None.

**B) Recreation Repairs**

Areas of the dog walk have had plastic re-enforcing grids laid and been re-seeded, along with the goal mouth.

Two toddler swings have been disabled due to corroded metal making them unsafe. The Mound slide is now out of action due to the handle being unsafe. Clerk to investigate repairing the slide and replacement swings.

**C) Building issues**

Recent work carried out on a nearby residence has left an area in an unacceptable state, gravel and tree debris not removed. Clerk is in contact with resident to rectify. Since work carried out the culvert is now running faster and may be a flood risk in the future. Clerk to contact Severn Trent to investigate.

**R799/19 Fly the red ensign**

Seafarers UK are contacting councils to raise awareness for their campaign to fly the red Ensign on Merchant Navy Day 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Cllr Gasper proposes we purchase a flag and support the campaign. **Proposed Cllr Gasper; seconded Cllr Hessey, unanimously agreed.**

**R800/19 Cemetery Prices**

**A) Prices**

After discussion it is agreed to increase the cost of Interment of ashes to £150 inline with Burial charges. **Proposed Cllr Gasper; seconded Cllr Duerden, unanimously agreed.**

**B) Plots**

The contractors have been unable to mow parts of the peace garden recently due to the items left on plots. Terms and conditions state that it is a lawn cemetery. Four months' notice to remove the items will be given, before the area is tidied.

**R801/19 Skate Park Questionnaire results**

Results of the 78 responses to the questionnaire were distributed to all Councillors. Most popular response is for a football & basketball hybrid. Thank you to the Duke of Edinburgh participant who organised the survey and collated the results on our behalf. Cllr Grudgings proposes that we research the options and costs. **Proposed Cllr Grudgings; seconded Cllr Hessey, unanimously agreed.**

**R802/19 Goal Post Storage**

Chairman of GVFC approached the council previously regarding storage of their goal posts. They have quotes for the solution and are requesting help towards the cost. The size of the compound is queried again, and a site visit is agreed. Clerk to arrange.

**R803/19 Items/Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm**

**R804/19 Meeting Closed at:7pm.**