

MINUTES of the MEETING of the RECREATION COMMITTEE
Held in the COUNCIL OFFICE on Tuesday 28th January at 6.00pm

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

Also: Neil Phillips, Tree Warden; Karen Humphries; Cheryl Small, Clerk's Assistant and 2 residents.

R853/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr O'Neill

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

R854/20 Declarations of interests both personal and prejudicial

None.

R855/20 Approve and sign minutes of Tuesday 26th November 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 Hessey; seconded Cllr Parrott; unanimously agreed.**

R856/20 Matters Arising

None

R857/20 Tree & Flood Warden Report.

The Tree Warden is attending a course on Tree diseases, so he can identify different diseases himself. The removal of the hedge on Oaks Road at the new Millers site was very disappointing. The tree/ flood warden has been clearing the debris from the river embankment himself as Environment Agency have been slow to act. Clerk to contact the Environment Agency to report the blockage of 2 arches on the bridge on London Road.

R858/20 Expenditure & Maintenance Issues

A) Benches

Benches chosen for Phase 1 of the refurbishment are 7 on the Recreation Ground and 5 in the Cemetery Field. Photos were circulated and agreement to go ahead.

B) Wild Space Bench Repairs

Cee Martin thanked the Parish Council for the offer of the replacement bench. Cee advised the circular bench is suitable for 3 wheelchairs so ideally would like this repairing also. Clerk and Cee to gain quotes.

R858/20 VE Day Celebrations – Junior Council

A presentation of the proposed event was made by Alexis and Cheryl, Councillors agreed a picnic in the park with musical entertainment would be a good idea. The Junior Councillors will discuss children's activities at the next committee meeting.

R859/20 Lonely Bench

A resident suggested to convert a village bench to a 'happy to chat' bench to encourage lonely residents to chat and enhance the community feel of the village. Options were discussed and the bench between the Chemist and the Post Office was agreed as the most suitable location. Cllr Hessey offered to provide the signage for the 1st bench. Cllr Gasper suggested Rural Coffee Connection to attend the launch of the idea. **Cllr Gasper** proposes we go ahead, and **Cllr Hessey seconded. Unanimously agreed.**

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R860/20 Playpark

A quote for new swings and a 25m aerial runway was shared with the councillors, additional funding is required which the Clerk will investigate. **Cllr Glasper** proposes to go ahead with the quote.
Seconded Cllr Andrews; unanimously agreed.

R861/20 Christmas light switch on Review

There were positive comments about the event being held on a Sunday from residents and the stall holders are keen to attend this year's event. A couple of the lamppost decorations are missing lights; clerk to investigate replacements for this year's display. Waiting for the date for Burton Overy's Tree festival to confirm date for this year's switch on event.

R862/20 Items/Date of next meeting: Tuesday 25th February 2020.
'Happy to Chat' Bench

R863/20 Meeting Closed at: 7.26pm.