



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. L. Ling

Minutes

of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Wednesday 4th April 2018 at 7.00pm in the Council Offices at the Memorial Leisure Centre, Harleston

Present: Councillors; Frances Bickley, Mark Betts, Ian Broughton and Sue Kuzmic

Also present: Tracey Betts (Office Administrator)

1. **Welcome** – Members were welcomed to the meeting.
2. **To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Roberts and Rose.
3. **To receive any declarations of pecuniary or any other interests in particular matters to be raised at this meeting** - None
4. **Approval of Minutes** - To approve the minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 – Councillor Broughton proposed approval of the minutes which was seconded by Cllr Kuzmic.

The meeting will be adjourned for public participation (up to a maximum of 15 minutes)

5. **Matters arising** - None.
6. **Chairman's report** – Eyre update - Andrew King and Mark Dawson were due to return to the leisure centre by end of week but have not returned to date. Cllr Bickley forwarded this information on to their line manager. If they do not return Cllr Bickley said the council, will go back to Kevin for further advice
7. **To receive reports from regarding the gym, maintenance, any club reports and agree any action** – Cllr Bickley read report from Natasha about opening the gym at 6.15am to allow members to attend the gym before going to work. It was agreed to do a 6mth trial and to report back after that, as long as the other gym staff agree. Proposed Cllr Kuzmic and seconded Cllr Betts. Cllr Bickley read out the Maintenance report which included the original map of the security fence as there had been some confusion as to where the fence was going. It was noted that the fence looked smart and there was no problem with the boundaries. The fence should be completed by the middle of the April. The other item for discussion was the youth shelter. As the litter and vandalism has drastically reduced this year, it was proposed to reinstate the sides of the youth shelter near the football pitch. This will be monitored by the maintenance team and if the situation changes, they can be taken away again. It was agreed that the sides could be reinstated and removed if problems reoccurred.

ALL AGREED

8. **To receive an update on a recent meeting between the Football Club representatives and the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Recreation Committee and agree any action**

It was highlighted what was needed to improve the ground for the next level and that Adam Mullin would like to be the main contact for the Football Club. A pathway needs to go behind the goal and

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down the Swan Lane side of the pitch. A quote has been received for the pathway from Waterfields of £2,400.00 + vat and they have said that it should be completed in one day to cause less inconvenience. The football club are paying for the work to be undertaken. After further discussions it was felt that clarification was needed as to where the footpath is going as the council were under the impression it was going behind the goal joining up with the existing pathways and to go down the Swan Lane side of the pitch, giving easy disabled access. It was agreed that if possible the committee would like to join up The quote doesn't seem long enough in length to do the proposed sides of the pitch. This will need to be clarified and will confirm at the next meeting.

9. **To discuss a request received to hold an outdoor party/picnic on the Recreation Ground on Friday 27th July and agree any action** –Cllr Bickley read out the email from Nicky Stainton. This would be to celebrate Norfolk Day. The idea would be for everyone to bring a dish to share plus picnic blankets or camping chairs, some drink and plates/cutlery for themselves. Fancy dress could be encouraged, and were thinking about flowers (wreaths, posies, crowns or flowery fabric) or a Norfolk characters theme (harder!). Plus maybe some acoustic music. After a short discussion if music was to be played, they would need a music licence and to clean up the recreation ground afterwards. Proposed Cllr Betts and seconded Cllr Kuzmic **ALL AGREED**
10. **To discuss a request from EACH to return to the Recreation Ground this year as a resting point for the cycle ride on Friday 20th July and agree any action** Proposed Cllr Betts and seconded Cllr Kuzmic **ALL AGREED**
11. **To discuss an email received regarding a skate park proposal and agree any action** – Research questionnaires would be drawn up and Cllr Bickley will distribute these to the schools to get feedback to see whether this scaled down version would be used. It was also suggested that the school councils come to the meeting. Proposed Cllr Betts and seconded Cllr Kuzmic **ALL AGREED**
12. **To discuss the leisure centre toilets, showers and changing rooms and agree any action** Cllr Bickley gave an update – the priority was the squash showers/changing rooms then the downstairs ones as more work would be involved. It was suggested that we may need to go out to tender for this and that the plans that have be drawn up would need to be looked at in more detail.
13. **To discuss the cost for the fitting of fixed weights matting in the weights room and agree any action** – Cllr Bickley read the proposed quote from Natasha £778.00 + vat. As this is specialist flooring, happy to go ahead but suggested Natasha checks that this is a competitive price. Agreement proposed by Cllr. Kuzmic and seconded by Cllr. Broughton **ALL AGREED**
14. **Reports from committee members** – None
15. **Clerks report** – None
16. **Approval of items of expenditure** – Proposed Cllr Betts and seconded by Cllr Kuzmic **ALL AGREED**
17. **Significant correspondence and agree any necessary action**
E-on are changing our energy prices from 9th April. We are looking at different suppliers. A quote for street lighting has been received and they can save us money but will look into this further.

The meeting will be adjourned for public participation

18. **To confirm the date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 2nd May 2018 at 7.00pm in the Social Room, Harleston Leisure Centre

Meeting ended at 8.24pm

Signed

Date