



Redenhall with Harleston Town Council

Clerk: Mrs. L. Ling

Minutes

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

Present: Councillors; Frances Bickley (Chairman), Mark Betts, Greg Rose and Sue Kuzmic

Also present: Lynda Ling – Town Clerk and Rosie Riches - Office Assistant

25 Youngsters and 2 adults representing Harleston in their request for a skate park

- 1) **Welcome** – Cllr Bickley welcomed those present to the meeting
- 2) **To receive and accept apologies from members unable to attend** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Broughton
- 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 2nd May 2018 – Agreement proposed Cllr Betts seconded Cllr Kuzmic.

ALL AGREED

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

A discussion took place between the adults and children of the general public and the Recreation Committee Councillors during which time the Children made it quite plain that they would like to see a skate park on the Recreation grounds, the conclusion being that they would find out some firm costings and bring them back to a future meeting, the possibility of starting on a small scale of perhaps a half pipe and growing from this was put forward as the way to progress with the cost of a base likely to be the highest outlay.

Adult member of the public raised the issue of cost for 1 adult and 1 Child to play tennis, it was agreed to look again at the possibility of a family ticket.

5) **Matters arising**

- Football Club have confirmed the start to the hard-standing area will commence on 12th July
- Evacuation Chair – quote for £1400.00 which includes training for its use, and an annual fee of £90.00 a year to maintain this. Agreement proposed Cllr Rose, seconded Cllr Betts
- Christmas opening hours at the Gym will be as previous years. Agreement proposed Cllr Rose, seconded Cllr Betts
- NPLC - License for motion pictures £244.63 and Television License £140.00, the Football Club has agreed to pay 50% for both. Agreement proposed Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Rose

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- Squash courts need attention, re-plastering, re-flooring and re-decorating, it was agreed to ask Natasha to obtain quotes for the work. **ALL AGREED**

6) **Chairman's report –**

7) **To receive reports from regarding the gym, maintenance, (including new workshop costs), any club reports and agree any action –**

Tennis Club – an email from Jennifer Barton was read out stating that the fence is in poor condition allowing dogs to get through with fouling on the courts, the club would like the dog run to be closed on match nights. It was agreed that the Tennis club are welcome to erect their own screening of the area. The grass outside their shed needs attention, as it's our responsibility Sid will be asked to attend to this. Tennis club also asked about their notice board – no further information at this time.

Squash Club – see attached report from Ollie Bickley

- **Maintenance** – The cost of the proposed shed has now risen due to delay in ordering; the new increased price will be £10,260.00. Prop Cllr Betts, Seconded Cllr Kuzmic Base for the shed - Quote 1 = £3,700.00, Quote 2 David Ireland = £5,114.00, it was thought that Quote 2 was of a better spec and should be the one to pursue. Agreement proposed Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Kuzmic.
- Cllr Betts suggested that before the base is laid a trench should be dug for a pipeline to be used in the future for wi-fi, internet and other connections to the shed.

ALL AGREED

8) **Discussion on idea's put forward for Norfolk Day, discuss a budget and agree any action** – it was agreed a sum of up to £500.00 for the whole day. Agreement proposed Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Rose **ALL AGREED**

9) **To note the PING project through SNC (free table tennis, bats and balls for outdoor use) and agree any action** – This is up and running although tricky to use when breezy.

10) **To review the recreation survey completed by Archbishop Sancroft High School and Harleston Primary School and agree any action** – Cllr Bickley has met with some of the pupils at ASHS and discussed the possibility of a skate park with them, this has already been covered earlier in the meeting, see notes under Public participation, the pupils are very happy with the net for the MUGA and Green Gym. Other issues raised by the school were.

Likes

- Possibility of Toilets on the Recreation grounds for use when the Gym is closed.
- Swimming Pool = these are very costly to run and there is already a pool at ASHS.
- Use of weights in the Gym at age 14
- Bigger bike Track
- Re-instate the sides of the Radio Hut, these were removed due to vandalism, possibility of replacing the radio with wi fi.
- More events on the Recreation Ground to encourage wider social activities, all those present were reminded of the plans for Norfolk Day on 27th July where there will be lots of events taking place.
- Extension of the Toddler area as this gets very boggy at times
- Lower membership fees for the Gym
- Wi-fi on the Recreation Ground
- Water fountain for re-filling water bottles
- Extra waste bins for litter
- More activities at exchange 2
- Raise the Zip wire, which is now very low

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Dislikes

- Youths smoking and anti-social behaviour, everyone was reminded that the gates to the Recreation Grounds are locked in the evenings.
- Some of the equipment does not feel safe to use, needs repair and looks tired, everyone was reminded that all the equipment whilst may look tired complies fully with the RoSPA conditions and is tested on an annual basis by them.

- 11) **Discussion on the conservation area on the recreation ground, any planned works and agree any action** – Cllr Bickley has requested that a conservation expert attend to give advice and help provide a structured plan. **ALL AGREED**
- 12) **Update on the boiler and associated works and agree any action** – Following the inspection by Gas Safe: 8 defects were found, not to current standards, the boiler is now switched off out of use until rectified. 2 fans have been purchased for use in the Gym, Eyre will be asked to pay for these. **ALL AGREED**
- 13) **To review a decision made by the Recreation Committee from October 2017 regarding personal training in the gym and related costs and agree any action** – Natasha had a plan to increase more personal training in the Gym, the current structure of employing instructors is proving to be too expensive for the council to maintain, it was decided to honour any existing clients but go forward with the instructors on a self employed basis, Cllr Kuzmic suggested that this be for a trial period of 3 months, with a review after this time **ALL AGREED**
- 14) **Discussion on a request to have a circus visit later this year and agree any action** – Agreed that this could go ahead with 50% of the fee being paid up front. **ALL AGREED**
- 15) **Update the leisure centre toilets, showers and changing rooms and agree any action** – One quote has been received from Colin Broughton, Steve Cox to be asked to provide an accurate quote for all the things he can do regarding this project. **ALL AGREED**
- 16) **Discussion on the purchase of a new fridge for the social room and agree any action** – Quote £322.80 for a lockable fridge, Football club will pay 50% of this. Proposed Cllr Betts, Seconded Cllr Kuzmic. **ALL AGREED**
- 17) **Reports from committee members (for information only)** - None
- 18) **Clerk's report (for information only)** - None
- 19) **To resolve to approve items of expenditure** – Agreement proposed Cllr Betts, seconded Cllr Kuzmic **ALL AGREED**
- 20) **Significant correspondence and agree any necessary action** - None
- 21) **Date of the next meeting** – Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.00pm in the Social Room, Harleston Leisure Centre

Meeting ended at 9.12pm

Signed

Date