

WARMINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the land management committee

Thursday 12th September 2019 at 7.00pm

In the Village Hall, Warmington.

- 1396. ATTENDANCE - PRESENT:** John Atkinson, Cllr Gillian Beeby, Philip Brashaw, Cllr Philip Douglas, Cllr Chris Ellard, Derek Rowell, Cllr David Strafford (chairman), and Cllr David Short. The clerk and the administration officer. Apologies received from Roger Litawski due to personal commitments. It was **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Also present: One member of the public.
- 1397. Declarations of interests:**
- Cllr David Short declared a personal interest in matters relating to the churchyard.
 - Philip Brashaw declared an interest as he is an allotment holder. There is a dispensation in place for allotment holders.
- 1398.** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the land management committee held in June 2019
- 1399. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** There was an observation regarding non land management committee matters relating to the then current Gigaclear fibreoptic installation in the village, which the clerk will deal with separately.
- 1400.** Accounts expenditure to the end of September was circulated in order that available budget for projects could be considered during the rest of the meeting.
- 1401. RECREATION GROUND:**
- a. At the council meeting in August, it had been agreed to employ a security firm to carry out ad-hoc patrols, initially over a 3-week period. There have been no reports of any wrongdoing or any troublesome activities in this period, either from the security company or the wider community. The high profile patrols had attracted positive feedback from residents.
 - b. Additional security arrangements were assessed, but at the current time no action is necessary.
 - c. There was a brief presentation including a report prepared by a committee member advising as to the best way to proceed to increase surveillance of the recreation ground as deterrent to unwanted activity, in line with police security advice. It was agreed to proceed with invitations to quote for these works, based on recommendations in the report, for further consideration at the October meeting of the parish council.
 - d. It was agreed that it was not necessary to proceed with deterrent rollers on the roof of the cabin at the current time.
 - e. There was an update on the pump track project. A proposal is under preparation for presentation to Elton Estates to assess the possibility of the project from the landowners perspective. A feasibility study will be necessary along with planning permission and community support via consultation before funding streams are fully investigated and funding applied for.
 - f. During the RoSPA safety inspection of the recreation ground, a play area access assessment was undertaken which deemed that the area was unacceptable for use by disabled people. An initial investigation suggested that in order to install a new gate and access path and to move the wheelchair enable picnic bench would cost in the region of £800-900. It was agreed that this would be taken forward for further consideration. In addition, the suggestion of an accessible toilet would be taken forward to the October parish council meeting.
 - g. It was agreed to investigate costings for a waste bin nearer to the cabin and play areas. The clerk suggested that if the bin were on the highways side of the boundary, there would be no cost for emptying it. Costs would be sought.
 - h. It was noted that a grant had been received from Northamptonshire County Council / East Northamptonshire Recycling Facility fund to add to the prize money from the Litter Heroes award. It was agreed to proceed with the procurement of the outdoor freestanding barbecue and gravel surrounding surface.
 - i. There was a brief update on usage of the facilities over the summer and ongoing issues. A reduction in the 'pay per match' rent was noted.
- 1402. POCKET PARKS:** The meeting received a report regarding ongoing work gangs and plans for the upcoming works. There was a brief mention regarding an 'Apple Day' at the pocket park which is planned for the autumn, and being investigated by the events working party.
- 1403. ALLOTMENTS:**
- a. The current co-ordinator holder has resigned after 3 year's sterling work in the post. The meeting put on record the council's huge appreciation of all his work and the clerk added her thanks for his support. A new candidate for the role has put himself forward and would be approached to confirm this.

- b. The design of a new sign for the gate was approved.
- c. The arrangements for skip hire and tenancy agreements are all in hand.

1404. EVENTS:

- a. There was an update on the fireworks party on 2nd November:
 - Arrangements for the layout would remain the same as for previous years, for the purposes of a licence from the landowner and the insurers.
 - Food was yet to be arranged. Income would be severely reduced if, instead of volunteers supplying the food as in previous years, a 'pitch fee' was agreed with an independent trader. Conversely, there had been some disparaging feedback received regarding the quality of the food the previous year and food preparation and serving requires .
 - It was agreed that only family tickets would be made available for pre-scale
 - A strong marketing campaign is essential to include posters, a web presence, social media marketing and local printed press advertising. The design for a poster will be circulated for approval once drafted.
- b. Update from the events working party – An apple day has been suggested, however there is a lack of volunteers to manage the event. A community member with specialist knowledge would be approached.

1405. CHURCHYARD

- a. The rose garden contractor had answered the parish council's queries during the summer by email. It was agreed that a member of the parish council would arrange a site meeting with him. The clerk is to forward contact details to the member.
- b. The matter of the churchyard gates will go forward to the parish council's October meeting.

1365. PROTOCOL / GOVERNANCE MATTERS:

- a. Budgetary requirements for 2020/21 financial year for areas under land management committee would be carried forward to the October full council meeting. Budget for land management committee asset maintenance was agreed as follows:

Recreation ground pedestrian gate and fence	£100.00	Contingency for possible adjustment of gate
Old' Play equipment at Funfield	£350.00	Maintenance (Parallel Bars/Zip Wire cable)
Changing cabin	£400.00	Apply preservative to Unit in Yrs 2 & 4 and contingency of £200 for internal/electrical repairs in Yr3
Goal mouth and Nets	£100.00	Top soil and seed goal area Yrs 2, 3 & 4
Petrol Strimmer	£100.00	Servicing annually
Sit on Mower	£200.00	Service
Gazebo	£75.00	Contingency for repairs, possible replacement in Yr4/5
Play area Multi Unit	£450.00	Contingency for repairs to entire area
Buntings Lane entrance gate	£150.00	Potential spring replacement

- b. Budgetary requirements for following years were not addressed.

- 1406.** Standing orders dictate that the duration of meetings should not exceed 2 hours. Due to time constraints, at 9pm, it was resolved that the meeting be adjourned and all remaining matters on the agenda be deferred to the October full council meeting

Approved by Warmington Parish Council:

**Signature of Chairman
of following meeting:**

Date