

The eight meeting of the Sports Field Sports Field & Recreation Committee took place in the Sports Pavilion, Dick o' th' Banks Road on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm.

Present: Cllr Dave Harris (Chairman), Cllr Terrie Connor (Vice Chairman), Cllr Stenning, and Cllr Bearman.

Also Present: Mr Steve Cole, (Owermoigne Football Club)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** None requested.

**ITEM 1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** There were no Declarations of Interest.

**ITEM 2 DECLARATIONS OF PREDETERMINATION** There were no Declarations of Predetermination.

**ITEM 3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING – 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2011** Subject to a typographical correct and it to be noted that Cllr Bearman sent apologies the Minutes were accepted.

Proposed: Cllr Stenning, seconded Cllr Connor

AGREED

**ITEM 4 MATTERS ARISING**

Item 10 – Cllr Harris advised that Tonrin would be shortly undertaking some further work on the Sports Field. Refer to Chairman's report

Item 8 – It is noted that the charge per session for Football should read £35.00 inc VAT

Item 13 – The Clerk advised that the bin, previously reported stolen, is with Mr Cheffey who has offered to repair and replace. The prolific amount of litter as noted and will be monitored.

Item 14 (a) The request for getting the graffiti removed under the Young Offenders Scheme is not yet resolved.

Item 14 (b) Funding for Outdoor Gym – Funding is still being sought. (See Chairman's report.

**ITEM 5 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Firstly welcome everyone back after the summer break, thankfully we have had no major issues over the period, it was planned to have some maintenance work on the pitch during the off season however typical British weather too dry when we needed it then when we got some wet stuff it was a bit late for summer work, so they are coming in Oct to earthquake the pitch and apply a winter fertilizer. Let's hope we have a better winter than the last two years were the extremes did put the pitch out of use for a longer than usual period. It was nice to see the MUGA being used a few times over the summer, by a few tennis players and I did see a few games of football as well. The Rhodes bowl was pretty active on any dry day I went past. It is disappointing that our graffiti collection has grown but it is unlikely that anything we do will stop this from happening, however if we do identify any of the "artists" we will do intend to prosecute. I note there has been some correspondence regarding concerns around the proposed play area in between Brewers and Besant walks, all I can say is this land is yet to come into the ownership of the Parish Council, but when it does we will consult with the residents regarding the plans for this land, Although we are bound by conditions from the original planning applications and agreements made by the PC during council meetings.

It is regrettable to say we are no further forward with the outdoor gym, the “best” funders want proof of need we have asked residents via the bridge but few have yet come forward, we are looking at other funding sources but as you can expect during these fiscally challenging times funders get a lot more requests than a few years ago and many have tightened their criteria, and there are few that will fund a public body. We can but try.

**ITEM 6 CONSIDER NOTICE BOARD (TALK TALK SPONSORED) SPORTS FIELD** It was agreed that this would be a useful addition to the Sports Field. Cllr Harris suggested Version 2 (A) would be preferable.

Proposed: Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Stenning

AGREED/ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 7 MEMORIAL BENCH – UPDATE** Cllr Harris advised that following final permission from DCC Highways the Memorial Bench will be placed just outside the gate in the entrance splay. The Clerk will liaise with the Oddfellows to arrange delivery.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 8 QUEEN ELIZABETH FIELDS IN TRUST APPLICATION – UPDATE** The Clerk reported that this application has been sent and acknowledged. The Clerk was advised to e mail Councillors the details of this application for information.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 9 AGREE DELEGATED POWERS (CHAIR, VICE CHAIR, VICE CHAIR (FINANCE) TO AGREE CONTRACTOR FOR LANDSCAPING QUOTE AMENDMENT TO LANDSCAPING CONDITION –SUBJECT TO QUOTES NOT BEING RECEIVED PRIOR TO MEETING** The Clerk advised that the request for quotes for the landscaping amendments are not due in until the 15<sup>th</sup> September was agreed that these quotes can be agreed as requested.

Proposed: Cllr Bearman, seconded Cllr Harris

AGREED

**ITEM 10 FIELD/FOOTBALL ISSUES – IF REQUESTED** Steve Cole spoke regarding the areas of drainage problems still being experienced in some areas of the field. It was noted that we have been experiencing more than average rainfall. Steve Cole asked about a questionnaire e mailed during the summer recess, which seemed difficult to complete as it required an ‘up front, opened ended’ financial agreement. The Clerk will seek expert opinions on these isolated drainage problems. Cllr Harris reminded football teams of the necessity to contact him prior to playing if heavy rain precedes match dates to get authorisation to play. The lack of local contact with Crossways Football team was discussed, Steve Cole advised Chris Taylor may still be involved with Crossways Football Club.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 11 TO CONSIDER FENCING QUOTES BREWER WALK** Members considered the quotes and agreed for quality William Ronald would be instructed to carry out the work subject to negotiation.

ACTION: CLLR STENNING/CLERK

**ITEM 12 CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM TREE STORES RE TENNIS BOOKINGS** Further to concerns raised by the owner of Tree Stores members considered the way ahead regarding booking, payment, collection and security of the tennis equipment. Cllr Bearman offered to keep a key, booking sheet and monies on behalf of the Council. Cllr Bearman and the Clerk will liaise regarding enabling this once the storage facility is received; this is on order.

**ITEM 13 ANY LATE URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION** The members discussed the matters of concern brought forward by some residents regarding the fencing off of Woodsford Farms Estate Lands behind the school. The Clerk has advised that Woodsford Farms Estate have fenced off this land to prevent its usage becoming a Permissive Path. The Clerk has also been told that this area will be planted with winter corn but a track will be left bordering the planting. It is noted that this land belongs to the Woodsford Farms Estate and its owners are exercising their right as landowners. Cllr Connor advised that the lining in the Play Areas is worn in parts and protruding through and there is brambles and weeds encroaching. The Clerk has asked Mr Steve Manuel to look at these areas and quotes will be sought for new surfacing.

ACTION: CLERK

**ITEM 14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING** The date of the next meeting was agreed as 15<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed ..... (Chairman) ..... 2011