

LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation Leisure and Environment meeting held on 15th February 2021 remotely using Microsoft Teams at 7pm.

Present: Cllr J White, (Chair), Cllr M Williams, Cllr V Dixon, Cllr P Burgon (Vice-Chair), Cllr M Giles, Cllr B Cordery, Cllr D Downie

Absent: Cllr CA Allan

Public: No members of the public attended the meeting

AGENDA ITEM

035-20/21: 1. Apologies – none.

036-20/21: 2. Declaration of Interest – none.

037-20/21: 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held 18/01/2021, ratified at FTC 09/02/2021. Under the bus shelter item, Cllr J White advised that regarding the two additional bus shelters highlighted on Tidworth Road (Wiltshire Council have confirmed there is no budget to refurbish these so it is down to Town and Parish Councils to do so), that the one outside Wellington Academy falls inside the Tidworth Parish boundary so we should ask them to refurbish it, but that the refurbishment of the shelter at the bottom of the new Corunna Estate should be instructed. Cllr J White proposed this, Cllr M Giles seconded, all in favour. Admin to obtain a quote from GW Shelters and report back on the reply from TTC.

038-20/21: 4. Update on Anti-social Behaviour – Admin showed the spreadsheet detailing all the anti-social behaviour dating back to the last meeting. There has been a single incident in the Recreation Ground with two empty drug bags being left and there were two incidents of bottles being smashed around the Teen Shelter. This has been reported to the Police.

039-20/21: 5. CCTV upgrade – update – Admin advised that the quote/proposal awaited from Roland Security has now been received following extensive testing by them to establish that they can resolve the issues. This was discussed at the meeting and it was agreed to send this out to the Committee along with the quote from Premier for comparison. Once feedback has been obtained, Cllr J White will take this to the Finance and Policy Committee, and it will then be passed onto Full Town Council with a recommendation for how to proceed.

040-20/21: 6. Play Areas –

i. *Dewey's Lane – Weekly Inspection Reports – wetpour damage reported to be monitored* Cllr J White advised that she has been and had a look at the edge of the wetpour around the roundabout and it looks like it has been picked at but can be monitored at this stage. Nothing else has been reported other than the items already known about.

Picnic benches – The quote received from Macemain and Amstad to install the 3 picnic benches came in at £895 + VAT. The Committee felt that this was expensive and suggested that the office obtain a quote from AG&G Timber to remove the old picnic benches and install the new ones. The old benches could be stored in the Cemetery Container until it is agreed where they could go. This matter will be added to the Allotment agenda for March.

Update re: matting required - Admin advised that the quote has been received from SJ Aplin along with the quote for the other requested works highlighted from the January Inspection report. The total of these came to £1614 exc VAT and adding in the multiplay repair (potential head entrapment) at £344 exc VAT, making a final total of £1958 + VAT. Cllr J White proposed that all works are instructed, Cllr P Burgon seconded, all in favour. Admin to instruct once passed through F&P.

- ii. *Pretoria Road – Weekly Inspection Reports* – nothing to report other than the fence issues already known.

There is a split in the metal on the upright on the multi-play that requires welding – Admin advised that the quote to fix this is still outstanding from SJ Aplin and will be chased up.

Update on progress re: claiming land – Cllr J White advised that the response from the local WALC branch is to seek legal advice on the matter. Admin has sought advice from LTC’s Solicitors and they register the playpark and the additional land for a fee of £650 + VAT but suggest that the new fenced off area is in situ before applying to register the land. Admin to ask SJ Aplin for a new quote and design for disabled/buggy friendly access into the park.

Once this has been reviewed additional comparison quotes can be obtained.

041-20/21: 7. Recreation Ground – `

Skatepark – The Inspection report was circulated to all committee members.

sign for entrance gate – this will be ordered with the signs needed below. The phone numbers of Cllr J White and Cllr D Downie will be the emergency contact numbers provided, along with the office number as per previous agreement. Cllr J White to send in a photo to the office so all signs can be ordered together from Re-Design.

Sign for entrance to playpark – Cllr J White has already sent in a photo to the office of the outdated Welcome to the Rec sign in the Dewey’s Lane play area. A new sign is needed with no opening hours and the office telephone number on it. The list of restrictions remains the same.

Signs re: dog exercising area – Admin showed a photo of the old Dog Exercise Area signs in the Rec. One is OK (Central Street side) but the other near Byron Close is at a very dangerous height and is a hazard. The Committee agreed to order a new sign to be put on the concrete fence posts that are LTC’s and to remove the pole from the ground. Admin to order a new sign with those above from Re-Design.

New goal posts – discuss quotes received – Cllr M Giles and Cllr J White have been and had another look at the Goal Posts that are currently in situ. They are in quite good condition, a little scruffy but perfect for younger children that wish to have a kick about. Older teenagers and adults wishing to play football on a full-size pitch would not use this area in any case as it slopes and is too small. Cllr J White proposed that the Committee leave the goalposts as they are (and possibly move their location slightly to allow the ground to recover). Cllr M Giles seconded, all in favour. Office to check what will happen to the remaining Sports Pitches funding if not used for this purpose and report back at the next meeting.

042-20/21: 8. Environment

i) *Issues for Parish Steward/‘Sparkle Team’ – updates/anything to add* – Admin showed the Committee the list of jobs submitted for the Sparkle Team to complete during their visit from 22nd – 25th February 2021. Admin will also find out when the gully Service Team are next due to visit Ludgershall and report back.

ii) *Tree Survey* – The Committee looked at the quotes received from Groundlord £753 + VAT and Tree Technique £675 + VAT to complete the necessary tree works as identified in the Survey. Cllr J White proposed that Tree Technique are instructed (as they also do the Planning Permission Application to Wiltshire Council on LTC’s behalf). She also proposed that a Sycamore tree is replanted in Castle Street. Cllr P Burgon seconded, all in favour. Admin to instruct Tree Technique.

iii) *Update from Wiltshire Council re: Applying for a Public Space Protection Order* – Admin read out the reply received from Wiltshire Council (they are currently reviewing these and will be in touch). The Committee agreed to diarise for 3 months and if nothing further heard to chase an update.

043-20/21: 9. Agenda Points to be discussed for next month – Footpath 3 – broken fence at the back of Woodpark. Cllr J White will send in photos.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.05pm.

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