

# LUDGERSHALL TOWN COUNCIL



## Minutes of the Recreation Leisure and Environment meeting held on 18th January 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

**Public:** No members of the public attended the meeting

### AGENDA ITEM

**025-20/21:** 1. Apologies – Cllr B Cordery & Cllr CA Allan. The Committee resolved to accept these and record under the LGA 1972 Section 99 and Sch 12 para 40. Admin advised that Cllr D Downie would be joining the meeting as soon as he has finished work. Unfortunately, due to technical issues he was unable to join the meeting.

**026-20/21:** 2. Declaration of Interest – none.

**027-20/21:** 3. Minutes of the previous meeting held 21/12/2020, ratified at FTC 12/01/2021. No further comments were made.

**028-20/21:** 4. Update on Anti-social Behaviour – Admin showed the spreadsheet detailing all the anti-social behaviour dating back to the last meeting. There have been a couple of incidents in the Recreation Ground with empty drug bags being left and there was another single incident of bottles being smashed around the Teen Shelter.

**029-20/21:** 5. CCTV upgrade – update – Admin advised that the quote/proposal awaited from Roland Security has still not been forthcoming. Attempts have been made to get quotes from other local companies who are either not interested or do not offer CCTV, just alarm systems. There is also an issue at present viewing the other CCTV remotely due to the office PC's being moved to staff home addresses. The system is still fully functional though and this is being addressed with Premier Fire Security at present.

**030-20/21:** 6. Play Areas –

i. *Dewey's Lane – Weekly Inspection Reports* – nothing has been reported other than the items already known about.

*Quarterly Inspection Report* – Cllr J White went through the report received and advised the following: Surface wear around the swings – monitor. Multiplay – fixings/caps need replacement – Admin to get quote from SJ Aplin. Head entrapment – quote currently awaited from SJ Aplin. 2 x basket swings – trip hazard and sagging seats – Admin to obtain quote from SJ Aplin. Pedestrian gates – all have closing mechanism issues – Admin to obtain quote and one of the double gates needs to be locked. 4-seat seesaw – trip hazard with surface matting – Admin to obtain a quote from SJ Aplin to re-lay. Wooden balance beam rotten – this needs replacing – Admin to get quote from SJ Aplin.

*Picnic benches* – the damaged wooden picnic bench is due to be fixed this week and all existing picnic benches will be jet-washed by AG&G Timber. The Committee looked at the proposed replacements for the picnic benches (which have already been budgeted for) and Cllr J White proposed 2 x wheelchair access picnic benches and 1 x standard picnic benches be purchased from Macemain and Amstad. Cllr V Dixon proposed LTC purchase one in each colour of red, green and blue. There is a delivery fee of £110 and the cost of the benches is £655 plus 2 x £745 exc VAT (total £2255 exc VAT and installation). Admin to obtain a quote for installation and if all within the budget to pass to F&P for agreement before ordering.

*Update re: matting required* - SJ Aplin confirmed that it was detailed on our previous RoSPA inspection that we should have matting around the pull and press bars and dip bars. Admin showed the reply and diagram received from him. Cllr M Giles advised that he thinks the Container has lots of matting in that we could use – he will go and look with Cllr J White and they will report back to the office what is found. The recommendation is for 22sqm around the pull and press bars. Key to be collected from the office on Weds morning while Admin is doing the weekly office checks. Once it is established what we have a quote can then be obtained.

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

*Quarterly Inspection Report* – there is a split in the metal on the upright on the multi-play that requires welding – Admin to obtain a quote from SJ Aplin.

*Update on progress re: claiming land* – Cllr J White advised that she and Admin have been looking into how LTC might go about claiming the land. It is quite legally complex and after some discussion it was agreed that contact should be made with the local WALC branch for advice and if needed a quote/advice sought from LTC's Solicitors.

### **031-20/21: 7. Recreation Ground –**

*Skatepark* – Inspection report – this was received just before the meeting. Admin to send out to all committee members.

*fence at Rec entrance and gate post and bollard* – Admin showed the Committee the photo taken by Cllr J White last Friday which shows that the fence has been re-attached and advised that the bollard is due to be fitted this week.

*sign for entrance gate* – this will be ordered once the works are fully completed and everyone is happy. The phone numbers of Cllr J White and Cllr D Downie will be the emergency contact numbers provided, as per their previous agreement. Cllr M Giles suggested contacting a local company called Re-design to do the sign. Also, a new sign is needed for the entrance into the play park as it is out of date – Cllr J White to send in a photo to the office.

*Picnic benches* – multi-coloured bench needs fixing still. Cllr M Giles will go with Cllr J White to see what needs to be done and carry this out asap.

*New goal posts* – A quote has been received from a local company and a few more are awaited. There are sockets in the ground that hold the current goalposts. If LTC want new ones they would need to be 10' in height to accommodate what goes into the ground. The Committee questioned if full size goal posts are needed when there is not a full-size pitch space available. There is also a further issue as the land is sloped, but the Committee cannot identify another area suitable for a football pitch within the Recreation Ground. Cllr J White & Cllr M Giles agreed to go and have a look at what is already there as there may be implications with the CIL/S106 monies to come to LTC in future and the overall provision of play facilities.

### **032-20/21: 8. Environment**

- i) *Issues for Parish Steward/'Sparkle Team'* – updates/anything to add – Admin showed the Committee the list of jobs completed by the Parish Steward on 11/12 January 2021 and asked for a list of jobs for the Sparkle Team for their next visit in February 2021.
- ii) *Bus shelter quote to re-paint* – Cllr J White advised that GW Shelters have been instructed to proceed and they will be carrying out the works mid-end March 2021. A sheet of polycarbonate has come out of the shelter in Faberstown and Cllr J White has taken this for safekeeping. GW Shelters have agreed to re-fit this when they are in Ludgershall in March. There are also 2 x shelters on Tidworth Road (near Wellington Academy) that are used frequently and are in a poor state. Cllr J White is not sure if these fall under the remit of Tidworth Town Council or Wiltshire Council – Cllr M Giles believes the Ludgershall boundary is 10ft the other side of the railway line on Tidworth Road. Admin to try and find out and report back.
- iii) *Tree Survey* – Cllr J White confirmed the trees that require work and also those that also require basal/epicormic growth dealt with. Admin to obtain quotes for the works needed and report back next month.
- iv) *Dog Waste – articles from The Clerk magazine – discuss*. The Committee had been sent 2 articles from the latest edition of the publication. Admin confirmed that the poster showing chocolate dog muck had been put on Facebook with a reminder to dog owners to make sure they pick up after their pets. Al agreed this is a national issue and Cllr J White suggested that

the only way to try and deal with this is to obtain a Public Space Protection Order from Wiltshire Council. Admin to investigate how this might be done and report back.

**033-20/21:** 9. Future S106/CIL from proposed new housing sites – see attached information from Town Clerk. The Committee discussed the proposal from the Clerk and agreed with all items mentioned and all voted in favour of asking the developer for a Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAP) as opposed to a Local Equipped Area for Play (LEAP) as they feel that there must be a provision for teenagers. This includes asking to include a hardstanding court, another play area for younger children and a Skateboard Park extension. Cllr V Dixon asked why the developer isn't allowing a large area for the play parks to be on their site. Under CIL/S106 monies they don't have to provide for local play facilities – monies can go to an existing playpark in the Town and Dewey's Lane has been identified to be focused on as it is more central in the Town. Admin to confirm to Town Clerk to pass back to Wiltshire Council.

**034-20/21:** 10. Agenda Points to be discussed for next month – none.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.15pm.

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