

Minutes of Meeting Burton-in-Lonsdale Parish Council Recreation Field Committee

7.30pm Monday 27th June 2022

Sports Pavilion Bentham Moor Rd Burton in Lonsdale

Present: Chairman Ian Parker

Councillors Ian Wardle, Rebecca Spedding, Billie Hornyold-Strickland

In attendance: David Taylor, Interim Clerk.

47/2022 Apologies

Apologies were received from Committee member Mike Illsley & Cllr Peter Thompson

48/2022 Code of Conduct and Declaration of Interests

a) to note declarations of interest not already declared under members code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interest or a matter in which the member has another interest.

b) to approve dispensation request if dispensation request is received

No interests were declared.

49/2022 Public Statements and Questions

None

50/2022 Minutes (to note only)

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The Minutes had previously been approved and were noted

51/2022 Terms of Reference

for this Committee – to review

the terms were reviewed with no objections

52/2022 Reports

- regular inspection reports (unless noted below)
Mike Illsley does regular inspections and reports are actioned under Item 53 below
- annual inspection of play equipment - usually carried out in August
This inspection is carried out in August, since the contract was put in place
Mike Illsley will arrange it.
- defibrillator inspection (and at Village Hall)
Mike Illsley carries these out usually on a weekly basis, they are recorded in the logbook in the Pavilion. NB: The smoke alarms are tested monthly & recorded.
- meter readings : use of electricity / water
reading schedule on the Clerk's laptop to be updated
Cllr Wardle asked about the costs of relocating the water meter as it is located on Burton Hill, some distance from the property
- review of bookings and payments
- discussion of future charging structure / Lonsdale Terriers
It was reported that bookings of the Pavilion & field were considerably up on previously, debtors control now needs to be implemented. Discussion on the charging structure, particularly with respect to Lonsdale Terriers who have had a discounted deal. Ian Parker to make new proposals for the future arrangement.

53/2022 Maintenance & Projects timetables / approvals in principle / funding

Rec Field & Car Park

- Eucalyptus Tree : to be secured / restaked due to recent winds. It is in danger of falling over.
It was agreed that this was dangerous, Ian Parker would make arrangements for it to be removed and a replacement planted.
- Memorial Park bench : This has been repaired on several occasions - a replacement one was installed some 18 months ago - decision to be made by Council that this bench has now really passed it's intended lifespan
The old bench has been made safe, it was agreed that it bench should not be repaired again. Also, a new picnic table has been bought and the old one will not be repaired again.
- Bollards at the car park
Ian Parker will remind Hanafin's
- Outdoor gym : Items of equipment showing minor signs of rusting, to be monitored - more areas are rusting now
These will be inspected along with the play equipment (see item 52 above)
- Litter bin : The litter bin outside the MUGA needs replacing
- Update to signage, three signs have been temporarily changed / three permanent replacement signs to be ordered by the PC.
Cllr Wardle agreed to source a new bin & signs

Pavilion

- Storage Area : two of the three changing rooms are full of equipment and as such are really not useable
- Could Lonsdale Terriers come up with a storage solution for their equipment?
This was actually discussed along with item 52 above.
It was agreed that the present situation was unacceptable and various options were mooted; a container, a shed, a permanent extension building.
It was felt that the extension would be the best option in the long term but that a temporary solution would be needed in the interim. When proposals were being evaluated, Lonsdale Terriers would be asked to participate.
Mike Illsley & Ian Parker would prepare information about the various options.

Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

- brief explanation of the previous lease arrangement with BCS
26 years ago, when the MUGA was proposed, the land was leased by the Parish Council to Burton Community Sports (BCS), which then sourced the monies from grants and community fund-raising. The lease term expired in June'21, it was discussed at an RFC meeting and it was decided to let the land (& MUGA) revert to the PC (13th May 2021 item 123/2020). Ian Parker said that BCS had around £6,000 in funds which would contribute towards future costs.
- replacement boards around MUGA – work timetable
a work rota to be organised (but see the next item)

- MUGA Surface condition / Robert Taylor has carried out the drainage works. To discuss future strategy.

The drainage works work well but have not yet been tested to extremes. The surface is beyond its service life, we have three quotes and various options. From just the surface (which might include the surrounds) up to including the fencing and lighting. It was thought that a larger project might attract better grants, but that the residual sum might also be larger. It was agreed to ask Ian Thompson to investigate options for funding at various levels of expenditure. The project could always be scaled back if the residual cost was too great.

Flooding outside Rec Field

The recent bad weather showed that water on the Northern side of the road was now draining into the river but that water on the South side, coming out of the fields, was still cascading down the road. Proposals made earlier (in March) could be followed up.

Consideration of the Woodland Trust area for use by dog walkers

Cllr Wardle raised this point as he thought this area was ideal for dog walkers as long as the area could be fenced off from the Rec Field. And a new entrance created from the road. It was agreed that, in principle, this would be a good idea, subject to further investigation about the fencing and closing the existing two entrances.

Ian Parker mentioned that Mr Walker from the Woodland Trust wanted to meet the Parish Council, Cllr Wardle agreed to follow this up.

54/2022 Date, time and venue next committee and Council meeting(s)

7.30pm, Thursday 21st July 2022 : Full Council Meeting, Burton Village Hall

The Meeting ended at 21:10

Signed

Dated