



Minutes of the Meeting of Rackheath Parks and Leisure Committee

On Tuesday 9th March 2021 at 7.00pm

Via Zoom Video Conference

Present: Tracy Buckley (Chair); Paula Lowe; Stephen Oakley; Sally Hoare, Broadland District Council

Also in attendance: Anne Tandy, Parish Clerk and RFO

65. The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies.

66. There were no declarations of interest or dispensations in items on the agenda.

67. The meeting was not adjourned for public participation as no public were in attendance.

68. The Committee received the minutes of the meeting held on **Tuesday 9th February 2021**. These were **approved** as an accurate record. These will be available for signing by the Chair once it is appropriate to meet to do so.

69. The Pavilion and Stracey Sports Park

a) The Committee received an update on progress with quotations for s.106 funding in relation to the following:

i) *MPSA Refurbishment*. Alternative surfaces to tarmac have been researched and so far the two options presented are a hybrid grass which is suitable for all sport except basketball and a fully synthetic grass with no infill which can be used for all sporting activities including the ones requested at Rackheath which includes football, netball and tennis. Examples of where these have been installed has been requested so the Clerk to obtain feedback on their use. A secure and efficient entry system to the MPSA would be needed to manage hiring. The Clerk is to investigate this.

Flood lighting will need to be revisited and requoted to include up to date LED lighting with less splay and is cheaper to run and timers to coincide with hire periods. The Clerk will pursue this further.

ii) *Sports Equipment*. This encompasses adult gym equipment and trim trail. Members agreed that the priority will be the MPSA and any money available after this would be used to create an adult gym. There will be more s.106

money made available in the future from other developments, which will enable this part of phase 2 to be completed.

- iii) *Play equipment.* Members felt that with the absence of any play areas on the Lovells development, provision would be more appropriate at Jubilee Park. It was agreed to start the planning again for this and consider which equipment would be suited at Jubilee Park and a smaller amount to be placed at Stracey Playing Field.
- iv) *Allotments.* NCC and BDC have been unable to identify any suitable land for this purpose. It is now hoped that with forthcoming developments the land needed could be made available through them. One resident has come forward to request an allotment, should they become available.

70. Jubilee Park

- a) Reports of dog waste being left on Jubilee Park have reduced but complaints about litter have increased and a resident has asked about litter picking equipment from the Council. Tracy suggested she could utilise the high-vis vests purchased for the events management team and provide them with a litter picker and bin bag for individual residents to use to collect a bag of rubbish and dispose of in their own bin. **All agreed** a budget be set of £60.00 for Tracy to purchase bin bags and litter pickers.
- b) The Committee reported that it has decided to wait for the weather to improve before arranging for the pressure washing of Jubilee Park play equipment.

71. Fireworks

Tracy asked if a fireworks event could be planned for November 2021. **All agreed** to go ahead with a budget of £3,500.00 from the Youth Fund reserve. The Clerk reminded members that Covid restrictions may be in place again by the Autumn/Winter and therefore any planning and expenditure should take account of this.

72. Newman Road woods

Sally Hoare reported that tree surgeons on site had discovered asbestos which BDC will arrange disposal of and provide the hazardous waste disposal certificate at handover. The Hazardous Waste assessment has also raised concerns about whether there will have been any chemical storage/spillage on the site and the existence of any military explosives. A survey should also be undertaken on the Officers mess building due to being unsafe. Paula recalled that these surveys were carried out previously and guided Sally to speak to the relevant people involved at BDC for further information. This will delay the land transfer.

Meeting ended at 20:18