



Minutes of the Wellow Recreation Trustees Meeting

Thursday October 17th 2019 at 7:30pm in the Wellow Sports Pavilion

Present: Beth Jackson – Chair
Bea Dowty
Mike Clarkson
Debbie Clarkson
Heather Andrews
Jonathan Wyld

1. Apologies & Resignations

Apologies received from Kathryn Black, Giles Pearman, Shirley Betts. The resignations of Lyn Doman and Shirley Betts were accepted and thanks were expressed for Lyn's contribution to Wellow Recreation.

DC stated that Wellow Parish Council will appoint another representative to replace Shirley Betts.

2. Approve Minutes and Matters Arising

The minutes were approved.

i) BJ and MC had a meeting with Premier Sports to agree contributions of £5 per session totalling £120. However, these sessions will now be untaken by other individuals and charges will be waived until the New Year.

ii) BJ and DC attended a meeting at St Julian's School with the headmistress Ruth Noall. It was agreed that the school will communicate its requirements in regard to the playing field and a contribution to the field maintenance agree at a later date.

iii) MC's revised field maintenance contribution proposals for the contract period 1.4.19 to 31.3.20 have been accepted by the sports groups.

3. Projects

i) Play Park Status -

MC reported that the Parish Council has appointed a project team to oversee the renewal of the Play Park on its behalf, consisting of Rachel Kotchie, Beth Jackson, Giles Pearman, Jo Trafford & Mike Clarkson

For the tendering process 4 contractors approved by B&NES have been invited - 3 bids received. We were then advised that local government contracts over £25,000 have to be placed on an official Government website introducing a delay of 15 days.

The project team is now able to go forward with analysis of the 3 bids all of approx £75,000. The detailed specification was drawn up with help from the B&NES consultant. The initial spec included a large amount of absorbent materials which are costly. The team will return to the preferred bidder asking for reduced spec to a value below £50,000. The aim is for the works to be completed by Spring 2020.

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Current funding status of the Play Park Appeal is £44,739.79 with several applications still pending for sums totalling in excess of £20,000

BD mentioned the need for a contingency sum to be included in the project budget.

BD mentioned Easy Funding which now has £155. MC to check when this has been received.

BD agreed to send to Parish Post info to get people in the village to use this system, especially those booking holidays.

ii) Wellow Arts - MC reported on the final outcome of the June Miracle Theatre production which has resulted in a loss of -£654 due to the bad weather causing lower attendance than in previous years. Wellow Arts reserves have now reduced to £1,730.44 which is still sufficient to cover the financial risk of the 2020 production which is scheduled for 29th or 31st July although it was mentioned that school holidays might affect attendance.

4. Finance

i) MC presented the income & expenditure reports for the Sports Pavilion and Wellow Recreation together with the latest statement of sports group contributions. Current Wellow Rec bank balance stands at £16,769.11 including £9,239.79 local Play Park donations held for the Parish Council

The Pavilion deficit stands at -£696 (to be shared 50/50 with WVT) so is well within budget..

BD pointed out an anomaly in the income from sales of refreshments in The Hub - MC thanked her and agreed to correct the statement.

ii) Community Chest

BJ reported that there will be no Safari Supper this year and that this event will be replaced by a winter party event on the 30th November in the church. BJ asked MC to produce the financial figures showing income this year compared with previous years and to send this information to Amanda Dennes (chairman of the Community Chest).

5. Pavilion Status

i) DC reported that the Sports Pavilion is being well used by the tennis community during coaching/club nights, weekly pilates sessions and weekly Spanish lessons. The building has hosted children's parties, a Community Energy meeting, a Caribbean Event, a music event and refreshments during the Outdoor Theatre production with an income of £870 from the period 1 January-14 October 2019. The Honesty Box system which provides self-service refreshments has accrued £311 during the same period.

DC said that every effort should be made to encourage the other sports groups to use this facility. BD said that the Boules group will be using the pavilion for their annual New Year Boules meeting and also suggested laying on Horse Racing nights which all agreed was an excellent idea.

BD suggested that another cabinet is purchased to display all sports trophies. ACTION MC

6. Field Management

i) MC reported that the goalmouths are in a worn state and that Andy Boyce of Greensward has quoted £260 to do the necessary repairs and also to fill the sunken drainage slits on the field with a mix of Root Zone and grass seed. All agreed on this action except for BD who



abstained. BJ stressed the need to make sure field is in top condition to justify the payments made by the footballers. **ACTION MC**

BJ reported that unfortunately the boot camp sessions can damage the turf on the field especially when it is wet. DC pointed out that permission has been given to the boot campers to use the cricket carpet during wet weather.

BJ reported that boot camps will continue with private arrangements made with 3 instructors and that by not charging at this stage allows the coaches to become established. Also, that it is important to continue promoting healthy exercise on the playing field.

ii) Sports Update -

MC reported that a Walking Football session will be held on the playing field at 10.30am on Sat 19th October. It was agreed that depending on the success of this session MC will send promotional material to BD to place on the WR website and Facebook page. **ACTION MC**

HA spoke about activities for older people and in particular walking netball. She will attend a session at Culverhay School and report back to WR. Culverhay is nearest venue. Lots of activities in the area. BJ asked HA to find out about walking netball then advertise for interest. HA has liaised with Julia Handel. HA - survey, what do people want? Start with walking football. BJ - SportEngland may have info - call it wellbeing rather than sport for older people.

ACTION HA

Boules Equipment storage - it was agreed that DC would issue 1 set of keys/fob for access to the storage unit for BD and Kevin Clarke. **ACTION DC**

7. PR

i) Social Media & Website

BD asked for WVT event information in order to place on WR's Facebook page **ACTION DC**

It was agreed to look into the best method of showing sports activities on the website.

ACTION BJ/MC

It was noted that Hugh Prentice wishes to merge all organisations' calendars into one.

BJ asked for new and updated profiles of trustees to be sent to KB for placement on the website.

MC reported that a PayPal account is now open in the name of Wellow Rec and that it can be used on the website for people to make donations to pay for events such as the 10K run / ramble.

BD reminded trustees that people can also pay through Facebook

BJ mentioned that KB has been very helpful and active with publicising the 10k run.

BD suggested that the playing field site could be attractive for film/TV locations.

Date of next meeting: TBA