



**Minutes of the Playing Fields Committee Meeting
Council Chamber
5th March 2024 at 8pm**

Present:

Cllr G Morgan (Chair)
Cllr D Flower
Cllr T Holder
E Bennett, Clerk

In attendance:

Cllr J Charlton-Wright

Apologies:

Cllr C Brown
Cllr C Marsh
Cllr R Sterry
Cllr M Turner

Absent:

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1. **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received from C Brown, C Marsh, R Sterry & M Turner.
2. **Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest**
None.
3. **Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person).**
None.
4. **To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th September 2023**
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair. Proposed Cllr Holder, Seconded Cllr Flower. All in favour.
5. **Miners Welfare Skatepark**
 - A. To receive an update from the Clerk on the insurance position**
Do not enter sign and Heras fencing is in place. Discussed with insurers.
 - B. To receive an update on works**
Updated drainage drawings required and being submitted. Solicitor progressing legals.
 - C. To note and authorise the second payment instalment for the fencing works**
The remaining balance of £7908.00 for the installation costs was authorised.
 - D. To discuss and agree the instalment of a graffiti wall panel as suggested by users**



A user had suggested the installation of a wooden panels on the fencing to reduce graffiti on the skatepark. The panels could be regularly painted over.

Proposed Cllr Flower, Seconded Cllr Holder. All in favour.



6. Play areas

A. To receive and sign copies of the staff weekly play area checks and agree any resulting actions

Weekly reports covering the period to 26 February 2024 were received, noted and signed by the Chair.

B. To receive the ROSPA Play Safety Inspection Report and agree any resulting actions noting that quotes for materials have been sought from suppliers

Latest reports dated 8th January 2024 were received. The Grounds & Maintenance Team would address issues.

C. To receive feedback from Councillors/staff following play area visits and agree any resulting actions

The Clerk had visited sites and findings were covered in the ROSPA reports.

D. To note that GWT are exploring potential environmental improvement works for the Miners Welfare Playing Field

Meetings with the GWT, Environment Agency and Severn Trent being planned to explore options.

E. To receive and consider information from a landscape artist

Received and noted. To put on hold pending further information on GWT.

7. Allotment/Land Request

A. To receive an update on allotments

The Clerk updated on discussions with the SW Counties Allotment Association regarding next steps. the benefits of setting up an Allotment Association were discussed.

B. To receive a quotation from Pipeline Logistics visit to Steam Mills

Council received the quote. The lack of water at the site was discussed with the SWCAA who recommended sheds for rainwater harvesting and troughs.

C. To explore potential funding sources

The SWCAA advised that greater funding opportunities were available if an Allotment Association was set up.

D. To discuss and agree way forward

To meet with the FODDC Community Development Lead and discuss a meeting to explore community interest.

8. Trees

To discuss any issues and agree any resulting actions noting the next external inspection is due in December 2024

None raised following latest staff inspection. IA&UF Ltd have scheduled a review visit.

9. General Update

A. To note Bowling Club & Pipeline Logistics correspondence and agree any resulting actions

Correspondence was received regarding installation of a new water pipe linking CBC's clubhouse to a new meter. The club previously connected to the football Pavillion.



B. To note resident correspondence on the illegal dumping of pheasants, contact with external agencies and agree any resulting actions

The Clerk had been in contact with the local Police, specialist Rural, Wildlife and Heritage Crime Officer, Environmental Health and Forestry England. The open season had closed and the matter was being investigated.

10. Date of next Meeting – 4th June 2024

The meeting closed at 8.44pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....