

Abington Recreation Ground Committee Meeting

A Meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee was held on Monday 7th November 2016, 7.30pm in the Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.

Those present at the meeting were: Peter Brunning (Chairman), Liz Sainsbury, Charlotte Adams, Den Tiplady, , Derek Patten, Louise Patten and David Pimblett a representative for the Abington Cricket Club.

Start at 7.30pm

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies received from: Paul Pritchard and Jane Bowen

2. Minutes of last meeting 5th September 2016 agreed by PB, LS, CA, DT, DP & LP.

3. Matters arising from the minutes: No matters arising from minutes

4. Membership of Committee – new secretary

Louise Patten agreed to take on the role of secretary for 12 months

5. Treasurers Report:

In the absence of Paul Pritchard, it was noted that there had not been any significant spending since the last meeting: 05.09.16

A request was made for the representatives from Little Abington Parish Council and Great Abington Parish Council to ask for the Precept at their next Parish Council meetings and to see whether an increase of up to 2% would be possible.

A discussion was had on how Section 106 Funds could be spent:

Proposals for Section 106 funds:

- Increase in size of MUGA
- Fencing around Play area to be totally replaced
- Develop on south area of recreation ground.

6. Risk Assessment

The risk assessment policy document has now been completed. LP asked whether it would be appropriate to add a flow diagram for reporting the of damage to equipment. It was agreed that this would be appropriate – Action LP

7. Children's Play Area:

7.1 The general condition: The general condition of the play area is good

7.2 New seats for the toddler swings:

Toddler Swings replacement– 3 Quotes received:

Charlotte proposed that two new seats are purchased to replace the two old toddler seats at a cost of £138.00 - Agreed DT & LS. Action - Charlotte to order new seats.

7.3 Quotation for new fence around children's play area. Charlotte reported that that she had received two quotes:

a. Jackson Fine Fencing - Timber £7000 inc VAT installation not included

£14,000 with installation

b. Play Quest: £14,000 plus VAT including installation

It was agreed that a decision would not be made until Section 106 money is made available

8. Multi-sport Area –damaged fencing

Peter reported that some of the fencing around the multi-surface area is slightly tattie and needs repairing. The committee felt that in order to repair the fencing it would cost up to £1000. DT proposed that Peter should go ahead with organising the repair of the fencing with a cost of up to £1000. Seconded Liz Sainsbury. Action: PB

9. Ground Condition:

9.1 General condition: Derek reported that he had sprayed the nettles next to the outdoor gym in mid-September

9.2 Ground reinforcement around table-tennis table. Peter reported that he had supervised the installation of the ground reinforcement by KA Landscape. The Invoice is to be paid at the agreed price.

9.3 Quote for tree works along western edge of the recreation ground (from Great Abington Church to the Bridge.

Peter reported that he had received a quote from Herts & Cambs Ground Maintenance for: 1. Lift crowns & Tidy 2. Trim side of Hedge 3. Lower height of hedge

Another quote is to be sought. Action: PB/DP

10. Equipment

10.1 Metal Liners for Bins. Peter reported that four new metal liners have been installed in the yellow bins.

10.2 No Dogs in Play Area Sign. Charlotte reported that she had put the 'No Dogs in Play Area' sign up in the play area and had also put a dog Waste notice on all the bins to hopefully reduce the amount of dog waste being put in the general waste bins see 11.

11. Bin Emptying and contents

The amount of dog waste in the general rubbish bins is still a concern, however it is hoped that with the new posters placed on the bins that users of the recreation ground will put dog waste in the dog waste bins more regularly. Peter said that he would create a new bin-emptying rota and send it out to Derek and Den. Action PB

12. Any other business

12.1 Sport England Active Places marker cones – The Marker cones have been donated to the 'Beavers' as it was felt that they would put them to good use.

12.2 Stone picking – A tentative offer by the Beavers to pick up the stones on the newly placed soil has been made

12.3 A member of the public reported a Wasps nest by the bridge – PB to investigate and organise removal

12.5 A member of the public asked whether it would be possible to have one new picnic table placed beside the river & a few more seats in the children's play area. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

12.6 The committee welcomed David Pimblet as the new representative from the Abington Cricket Club

Date of next meeting Monday 6th February 2017 at 7.30pm

