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QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Council Meeting Room
on Wednesday 6th March 2024

PRESENT:	Cllr S Aynsley (in the Chair) Cllr D Grimley Cllr D Bowles	Cllr S Wright Cllr R Curtis Cllr R Green
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk) Mrs T Willson (Deputy-Clerk)	Mr S Smith (Tree Warden)

8216 Apologies given and accepted
Mr J Weston (Tree Warden)

8217 Declaration of Councillor's Interest both Personal and Prejudicial Requests for Dispensation
None.

8218 Matters arising from Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held on 1st November 2023 (not covered as an agenda item)
None.

8219 Review of Football Hire Fees 24/25

- The Clerk reported both East Goscote teams would prefer the Parish Council to continue marking the pitch.
- The contractor who does the line marking has confirmed there will be no price increase for next season.
- The Committee discussed the potential income and expenditure for the 24/25 season and agreed by voting 4-2 to increase the pitch hire per season to £730.00 and £60 per match, with the Parish Council continuing to do the line markings.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk advise both East Goscote teams of the increased pitch hire charges.

8220 Football Facilities

The Clerk reported that:

- Quotes for maintenance of the pitch have been requested and should be available for the next Council meeting.
- The lagging of the pipes seems to have been successful as there have been no issues with burst pipes this year.
- Cllr Wright asked for an update on the painting of the posts around the perimeter of the pitch, the quote had been signed off at the September meeting Min.8060 but the handyman has not yet started. The handyman has noticed that a few of the posts are damaged but is struggling to find replacements.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask for an update from the Handyman for the next Council meeting.

8221 MUGA – to consider quotes for Hybrid grass for goal end

- The Clerk has contacted several companies for quotes for Hybrid grass, however these companies all use Smart Play who have already quoted directly. Playsmart have confirmed they will hold the original price until the 31st March.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk clarify with Playsmart that the installation price is included in the quote before applying for the lottery grant.

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8222 Free Tree Planting (15 Saplings)

The Clerk reported that the 15 free tree saplings have been delivered. The tree wardens, Cllr Wright, Cllr Winterton, the Clerk and Deputy Clerk will be shortly be meeting with the Charnwood forestry team. They should be able to advise the best place to plant these saplings.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange the meeting for next Monday 18th March.

8223 Permanent Christmas Tree for the Village

The Clerk has discussed the possibility of planting a permanent Christmas Tree at the Crossroads, Charnwood Forestry team are happy to discuss when they meet with Council and the tree wardens.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk feedback to Council following the meeting.

8224 D-Day 80th Anniversary

The Clerk has contacted the British Legion representative for the village to ask if anything is being organised to commemorate the date.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agreed to support any commemoration event the British Legion is organising.

8225 Work Programme for the playing fields (see separate sheet)

- Tree Survey – The meeting with Tindle tree care has been arranged for the 18th March. A list of qualifications has been obtained for the Council.
- Environment Area – Cllr Needham has established from Rupert Simms that one large area is needed, by splitting the area it would not be possible to achieve the type of habitat needed. The environment area on King George V was previously discussed by Council and rejected as a potential area as it would not be big enough.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk let Rupert Simms know there is no area large enough in the village to facilitate this project.

- Parking on Grass Verges – The Clerk has received a response from Highways saying they will not repair any verge damage for aesthetic purposes only. The Clerk has drafted a letter to residents concerning parking on grass verges. Fifteen signs have been delivered for the Groundsman to put up along Main Street/Queniborough Road. The Committee agreed to regenerate the grass verges on Glebe Road.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk issue the letters to residents on Main Street, Glebe Road, Marsden Avenue and Barkby Road. That the Clerk contact residents on Glebe Road to arrange a suitable time for the regeneration of the grass verges.

- Arriva regarding 5/5A – The Clerk has sent a further letter to Arriva concerning the route of the 5A bus service.
- New Dog Bin on Rearsby Road – The application to Charnwood for a new dog bin has been refused. As there is already a black bin at the bus stop a second request for an additional black bin has also been turned down.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk inform the resident of the outcome.

- Repair to the train in the Childrens play area on King George V - Cllr Wright has been unable to tighten the steering wheel in the train, he will have one more attempt at fixing it.

RESOLVED: That if the steering wheel cannot be tightened the Clerk will contact GM Services to repair.

- Zip Wire – The repairs have been completed; the spring pressure was released, and it is running fine now.
- History Boards – The Clerk reported that the National Lottery Heritage funding is currently closed. Cllr Aynsley asked if Wanlip Parish Council have been contacted to find out how they funded their boards.

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RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact Wanlip Parish Council.

- Review of Waste Management - Cllr Wright will send the name of a stand-alone company, who collects and disposes of dog waste to the Clerk to contact. The Clerk has still to contact other Parish Councils for information on any other waste management companies they use.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk contact other Parish Councils for information via the weekly Round Robin.

- The Clerk advised the Committee that the mowing contractor has had a break in at their storage facility. This will not affect the mowing contract but will affect any current tree work.

8226 To Consider Planning Applications and Planning Matters

For Discussion at Full Council 20th March 2024

P/22/1224/2 - Demolition of the existing industrial buildings at 1448 Melton Road (former Shield Engineering), 1444 Melton Road (lodge cottage) and the northern-most 20th Century wing of 1446 Melton Road (Queniborough Lodge); conversion of Queniborough Lodge and associated outbuildings to form 8 no. dwellings and the construction of 119 no. new dwellings (125 net dwellings in total); new vehicular access onto Melton Road; open space including play provision and allotments and associated infrastructure, SuDS, landscaping and ground remodelling.

This is a re-consultation with a revised housing mix and open space provision and associated layout changes which has been extended for comment until 21st March 2024

8227 Items for discussion at the next meeting

None.

The meeting finished at 8.40 pm

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