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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 November 2024

PRESENT:	Cllr S Aynsley (in the Chair) Cllr S Wright Cllr D Bowles	Cllr R Curtis Cllr R Green Cllr R Green
NOT PRESENT:	Cllr D Warner	
IN ATTENDANCE	Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk) Mrs T Willson (Deputy-Clerk)	Mr S Smith (Tree Warden) Mr J Weston (Tree Warden)

Mr M Carter, Riverside Hawks FC Manager was in attendance.

24-145 Apologies given and accepted

Cllr R Green apologised as he had to leave the meeting at 7.45pm.

24-146 Declaration of Councillor's Interest both Personal and Prejudicial Requests for Dispensation

None.

24-147 Matters arising from Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held on 28th August 2024 (not covered as an agenda item)

24-85 Cllr Wright asked for an update on the Millstone Play area fencing. The Clerk confirmed the update is included in the work programme report agenda Item 11.

24-148 Update on Tree Work (Clerk and Tree Wardens)

The Clerk reported:

- That all approved tree work has been carried out on the parks and tree bark chippings spread out to help with the Honey Fungus on Rearsby Road.
- Contractors have been asked to quote for the remaining tree work identified on the survey in November 2023 for the forthcoming budget.

Tree Warden Mr Weston reported:

- That 12 of the 15 tree saplings planted on King George V in the summer are still in place, 4 on the park and 8 in the Environmental area.
- The Forestry team had recommended the grass be cleared from around the trees with Honey Fungus on Rearsby Road before the bark chippings were spread, however the grass has not been removed and is now growing through the bark chippings. The Clerk confirmed that the contractor was not specifically asked to remove the grass and apologised for the miscommunication.

RESOLVED: That Council agreed that any further work would need to be discussed by full council at the budget meeting later in the month.

- 4 trees were identified with the Forestry team for felling but only 3 have been done, T374 in the wooded area has not been felled.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk check invoice received from the contractor.

- Trees 122 and 317 have been felled but the stumps have been left higher than previous work.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk check the felling has been done to British Standards.

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- Mr Weston advised the Committee that the Forestry Team advised that not all tree work identified in the survey needed to be undertaken. The Clerk confirmed that although all tree work identified will be budgeted for, any work will be carried out on a risk basis. The Forestry team agreed to revisit the honey fungus trees in the Autumn, but the Clerk has been unable to get any response from the team to arrange this.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk ask Cllr Poland for a senior contact name in the Forestry Team.

24-149 F.A Grass Pitch Maintenance funding

- The Clerk reported she had attended the FA Grass Pitch Maintenance Funding meeting at Leicester City's training ground.
- This is a 10 year plan (funding for 6 years but over 10 years).
- For 11v11 pitch the grant would be for £12,800 and Council would be expected to pay £6,400.
- LC Sports Turf would carry out the PitchPower assessment for free for the first year.
- Local Council's are now eligible to apply with a Freehold and would just require a signed SLA with one of the football clubs.
- A 1:1 Action Plan Meeting can be booked with L&R County FA to discuss in more detail.
- This year Council has paid £1,802.50 for basic pitch maintenance.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk arrange a 1-1 meeting between L&R County FA, Cllr Wright, Cllr Aynsley and the Manager of Riverside FC.

24-150 Football Facilities

The Deputy clerk reported the hole in the away team shower has been sealed. However the integrity of the shower tray floor has been compromised, the sub-base beneath the shower is saturated with water and showing signs of rot. It is recommended the shower tray is removed to allow the floor underneath to dry out, be examined for decay and repaired with a new shower tray installed. The door frame in this area is also rotten and needs replacing.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk get quotes for the repairs.

The Manager of Riverside Hawks attended the meeting and confirmed he is putting together a Business Plan with the aim of re-branding as Queniborough Football Club. A priority of the plan is to have six teams playing on a 9 and 7 aside pitch as well as the full size one. A proposal to pay monthly over a 12 month period is part of the plan for Council to consider.

RESOLVED: That the manager brings a completed Business Plan to the next full Council meeting for review.

24-151 Update on parking signs for Rearsby Road

The Deputy Clerk has investigated this, and the law changed in 2012 to make it illegal to clamp a vehicle on private land without lawful authority. Although there are signs advising that access is always required people are still parking and blocking the gateway. Cllr Payne is contacting a parking enforcement company for further advice.

RESOLVED: That the Deputy Clerk get quotes for parking post locks for the next Council meeting.

24-152 Christmas tree for the village update (Clerk)

A 10ft sawn tree has been ordered and additional lights purchased. The Clerk has submitted the S178 licence, and the handyman will adapt last years tree stand for erecting at the Crossroads in front of the Post Office.

24-153 Sponsorship request for a defibrillator on East Goscote Industrial Estate

A request for sponsorship has been received from SFC Midlands who are doing a 10km sponsored walk in the peak district on 24th November to raise funds for a defibrillator.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree to advertising the event but as a Parish Council would be unable to sponsor.

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24-154 Review of Rules for Tennis Court Policy

The fees were increased last year from £5 to £10 for membership and from £10 to £20 for losing a tennis court key.

RESOLVED: That the policy is re-adopted and updated with the new email address and minute number and date.

24-155 Work Programme for the playing fields

- The Handyman has submitted his quote for the fencing around the children's play area on KGV for £811.96. This includes to supply and fit four concrete posts, replacing damaged top rails, wire brushing and painting of the rails/fencing.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree the quote and the Clerk arrange a date for the work to be carried out.

- A Quote has been received for the replacement signs for the Environment Area on KGV. The cost for two A3 signs is £62.00 +VAT for supply only or £110.00 +VAT to supply and fit.

RESOLVED: That the Committee agree the quote for supply and fit, the Deputy Clerk to confirm a date with the contractor

- Cllr McKenzie reported a damaged gateway on South Croxton Road – Highways have confirmed that they are unable to replace the broken gateway due to budget constraints as it was bespoke. The Clerk is struggling to find out who supplied the original gates but has contacted Syston Fencing as they may be able to replicate it.
- The Millstones fencing including a new 8ft gate around the play area has been installed. The Clerk showed the committee a video of the completed work.

24-156 To Consider Planning Applications and Planning Matters

P/24/1819/2 Erection of part first floor side and single storey rear extension. 17 New Zealand Lane, Queniborough, Leicestershire, LE7 3FU

RESOLVED: That the Committee have no objections but neighbour's views to be taken into consideration.

P/24/1711/2 Erection of single storey rear extension and dormer roof extension, with installation of rooflights (in association with conversion of roof space into habitable space). 88A Main Street, Queniborough, Leicestershire, LE7 3DA

RESOLVED: That the Committee have no objections but neighbour's views to be taken into consideration.

For Information:

P/24/1103/2 Reserved Matters application relating to appearance, landscaping, layout and scale pursuant to Outline permission P/20/2380/2 (Appeal ref: APP/X2410/W/23/3316574) for 143 dwellings and discharge of condition nos. 6 (Site/ finished floor levels), 7 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and 17 (Scheme for the treatment of public right of way). Land off Barkby Road Queniborough Leicestershire LE7 3FB.

LCC have responded to the email regarding David Wilson Homes temporary diversion of the footpath, they will be talking to the developer directly to give them advice

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24-157 Items for discussion at the next meeting

Cllr Aynsley reported that the orange barriers on the bridge at the end of Rearsby Road have not been removed.

RESOLVED: The Clerk to chase up with Highways.

The meeting finished at 8.45

Date