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**QUENIBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm in the Council Meeting Room  
on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**PRESENT:**

Cllr S Aynsley (in the Chair)	Cllr R Curtis
Cllr S Wright	Cllr R Green
Cllr D Bowles	Cllr D Warner

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllr R Green

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs R Barlow-Skinner (Clerk)	Mr S Smith (Tree Warden)
Mrs T Willson (Deputy-Clerk)	Mr J Weston (Tree Warden)

**24-81 Apologies given and accepted**  
Cllr Green.

**24-82 To appoint a Chairman for the ensuing year**  
Cllr Curtis proposed Cllr Aynsley who is happy to stand for another year, Cllr Wright seconded the proposal.  
**RESOLVED:** That Cllr Aynsley be re-elected Chair of the Committee for 2024/25.

**24-83 Declaration of Councillor's Interest both Personal and Prejudicial Requests for Dispensation**  
None.

**24-84 Matters arising from Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (not covered as an agenda item)**  
8222- The Clerk confirmed to the Committee that 15 sapling trees had been planted by Mr Smith and Cllr Wright.

**24-85 Inspection of King George V, Rearsby Road and the Millstones Playing Fields (copies of the Asset List and Tree survey are included)**  
King George V Playing Field

- The Groundsman has reported that the fencing around the play area needs some work. The committee inspected the fencing and agreed that several of the top rails were broken in places and two godfathers were needed to strengthen the existing uprights. The whole fence also needs to be re-stained.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask the Handyman for a quote for the identified repairs.

- The Clerk informed the Committee of tree work recommended by the mowing contractor for consideration;
  1. T102 - Dead Ash tree previously pollarded over Coppice Lane and Zip wire to be considered for removal given the location cost £380.00.
  2. T54 and T55 - Two Dead trees overhanging the school fence and playing field to be considered for removal given the location, possibly remove the smaller one completely then remove deadwood from the larger one. £220.00.
  3. The other Clusters of trees withing the playing field have considerably low branches preventing mowing under them. They could be a hazard as they are below 2m height. Cost £200.00.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the quotes for all tree work and the Clerk should instruct the contractor to carry out the work.

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- On inspection, the goal end has been damaged and needs repairing.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the supplier for replacement brackets and fixings.
- 11 out of the 15 sapling trees are still in place at the bottom end of King George and in the environment area. The tree wardens are concerned if they are not watered enough, they will not survive. The Clerk has been informed that the Cherry Blossom tree planted for the Women's Institute will not survive if it is not watered regularly.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk remind the Groundsman to water the sapling and Cherry Blossom trees at least twice a week during the dry weather.
- The Clerk reported that the Concrete and metal pieces sticking out of the ground near the brook in the environment area have been removed. They are part of a larger structure buried in the ground which the handyman is unable to remove as this would involve using a digger.  
**RESOLVED:** That a sign warning people of the metal pieces is put on the entrance to the environment area.
- The warning signs on the entrance to the environment area have all been removed.  
**RESOLVED:** That replacement signs are put on to the entrance.

Rearsby Road

- Although various tree work was agreed in June, this has still not been carried out by the contractor.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk chase the contractor for a date to carryout the identified works.
- Mr Weston offered to clear any self-set trees inbetween the established trees to improve the nutrients in the soil.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree to the Tree Wardens clearing the self-set trees, providing it will not impact on noise levels for residents backing onto the park.
- The Storage Shed needs tidying.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk ask the Groundsman to tidy and dispose of any unwanted items.

Millstone Play Area

- The Millstone Play area fencing was agreed at the Recess Meeting; however, the proposed gate will not be wide enough for the mowing contractor to access. The Clerk has looked at options for a double leaf wooden gate and has received a quote for supply only of £1,470. The Handyman has sent a revised quote for the fitting of the new design. The Clerk has also obtained a further quote from a second local fencing contractor to supply and fit the fencing and gate at a total cost of £2,755.62. The Committee agreed that this new quote should be accepted.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk arrange a date for the fitting of the new fencing and gate as soon as possible.

**24-86 Update on Annual Play Area Safety report (see separate sheet)**

- Playdale Rope Bridge – One log is damaged, and the bolt thread exposed. The Deputy Clerk has obtained a quote for repairs of £2,493.47.  
**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the quote, the Deputy Clerk to arrange for the repairs to be carried out.
- Bay Swing - Re-secure two chain bearing blocks on the top bar. The Deputy Clerk has obtained a quote for repairs of £88.00  
**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the quote, the Deputy Clerk to arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

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- Schoolscapes Multi Unit – Repair needed to the broken weld at the slide runout. The quote for this is £485 and will require the removal of the slide chute off site for repair. The Deputy Clerk has agreed a provisional date with the contractor of the 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the quote, the Deputy Clerk to confirm the date for repair with the contractor.

- Zipwire BS EN 1176-4 – The seat is too low, it should be 350mm when in use and is currently 300mm above the surface. The Deputy Clerk has obtained a quote for repairs of £108.00

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee agree the quote, the Deputy Clerk to arrange for the repairs to be carried out.

- Train Carriage – The carriage has been damaged at the back and moved and there is also a bolt missing at the front of the train.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk ask the contractor their opinion on what repairs could be carried out. That the Clerk ask the Groundsman to remove the graffiti.

- Basket Ball Net – This needs replacing as it is damaged, the Clerk had checked the storage shed at Rearsby Road for spares but had been unable to find any.

**Resolved:** That the Deputy Clerk order a replacement net.

**24-87 Update on Goal End Installation**

The Clerk reported that the new matting for the front of the goal end will be installed week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September. The S106 money is still outstanding and is being pursued with Charnwood.

**24-88 Football Facilities**

- The Clerk reported that upon further investigation the broken shower in the home changing room was not covered under warranty. The contractor has offered to install it for free once Council have bought a new one.
- The Groundsman has cleaned the mould on the walls and the anti-mould paint has been delivered.
- East Goscote United Ladies no longer need the pitch on a Sunday. The Deputy Clerk has emailed several clubs who have previously expressed an interest in using the pitch. Riverside U13s team were the first to respond and would like to be considered.

**RESOLVED:** That the Deputy Clerk send out the contract for signature.

**24-89 Christmas Tree for the Village**

The Deputy Clerk has confirmed with Welford Christmas Tree Farm Councils decision to install a metal tube into the ground to be concreted for annual use. The metal tube will need to be dug approximately 2.5ft into the ground. The Forestry team were happy with planting on the Rearsby Road side near the Queniborough sign.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk contact the Forestry team for confirmation that the position will not affect any underground cabling if digging down 2.5ft.

**24-90 Planning Applications**

There were no Planning Applications received.

**24-91 Items for discussion at the next meeting**

None.

The meeting finished at 8.45pm

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