



MEMBERS OF THE SPORTS & RECREATION GROUNDS COMMITTEE

Met on Wednesday 15th March 2023 at 7.30 pm at Marshalswick Community Centre

PRESENT: Councillors Graham Leonard (Chair), Geoff Churchard, Janet Churchard, John Newton Davies, Jonathan Maskell and Public Members Jez Cox and Mike White

APOLOGIES: Councillor Jenny Roberts, Tom Clegg

OFFICERS: Simon Thwaites, Clerk, Rebecca Pannese, Project, Amenities & Community Engagement Officer

ABSENT: -

The meeting was informed that public member Tom Clegg has now resigned from this committee.

528 Disclosure of Interest and Dispensations

There was none.

529 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Sports and Recreation Ground Committee held on 7th December 2023, having been previously circulated, were reviewed. It was unanimously:

Resolved

That the minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

530 Bike Track Update

Councillor Leonard updated the committee on the recent additions to the Jersey Farm Open Space pump track application; the responses to concerns raised both from Highways and Trees and Woodland. The committee expressed its frustration with the timeframe taken by SADC to reach this stage.

531 2023/2024 Capital Works

Following discussion of the various options across several playgrounds, after lengthy discussion the committee:

Resolved

To pursue with the recommendation by the Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer for the following projects;

Installation of an outdoor table tennis table at William Bell

Installation of new climbing poles at Jersey Farm Adventure Playground

Installation of rubber mulch joining together the apparatus at Damson Way and repairs of

existing wetpour

With the remaining budget the committee resolved to install a basketball hoop and dribbling area at Sherwood Park Open Space and that maintenance work be carried out on the equipment at Damson Way, to the maximum value of £7000 and £4000 respectively.

532 Timber Steps Replacement at Damson Way

The Project, Amenities and Community Engagement Officer has met and discussed with contractors the replacement of these stairs following an assessment noting that they had become slippery and hazardous. Due to the nature of the works, the specialist maintenance company who are carrying out the slide repairs have submitted a quotation for the replacement, whilst the other contractors approached have declined due to the nature of the work. The maintenance company have quoted £900 to remove the old decaying stairs and supply and install new timber stairs, using anti slip stair treads. The budget allocated for this work is £1,100. Following discussion, the committee:

Resolved

To proceed with the recommendation to replace the decaying stairs.

533 Walkabout Dates

The Committee agreed to delay organizing the walkabout dates until after the elections when the new council members and public members of the committee can arrange when best suits them.

534 Matters of Note

- The rugby posts have been reinstated at JFOS following a successful insurance claim.
- Slide repairs at William Bell and Spencer Meadow are being carried out imminently.
- PCSO's have visited Damson Way on numerous occasions following a report of pit bull type dogs being trained to hang from branches in the wooded area. There have been no recent sightings, but they will continue to monitor the situation.

535 Matters Arising Since the Circulation of the Agenda

Members noted that the Treasurer for the SYSCA had contacted the Clerk regarding the recharge made by the SYSCA to the Parish Council in respect of energy costs (floodlights). The Clerk agreed to contact the Treasurer and resolve the matter.

Post meeting note: Revised terms have now been agreed.

536 Suggestions for Future Meetings

- Investigation into the addition of a large activity net suitable for older children and teenagers at Sherwood Open Space (outside of the fenced playground).
- Review of the electricity costs for the floodlights at Spencer Meadow in the autumn of 2023.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 21st June 2023

Chair

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