



WROUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

LEISURE AND AMENITIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2018 at 7.30pm
in The Ellendune Community Centre

Present Cllr C Clark (Chair)
Cllr L Campisano
Cllr S Harcourt
Cllr G Jones (Vice-Chair)
Cllr P Bhardwaj

Clerk Emma Freemantle (Deputy Clerk)

LA/60 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Woodhead, Cllr H Woodward and Cllr S Pagett. No apologies were received from Cllr D Wells.

LA/61 Declarations of Interest & Applications for Dispensation

Cllr Carol Clark declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 as she knows the members of the BMX Pump Track Group.

The Chair requested that the Vice Chair, Cllr Gareth Jones act as the Chair until after this agenda item.

LA/62 Public Questions

There were 10 members of the public present.

Mr Paul Hurst, a resident of the Maunsell Way area advised the Council that he was not opposed to the BMX Track being built at Maunsell Way however he was keen for this to be built as far away from the residents as possible. Mr Hurst requested that the Parish Council consider all other projects such as the Ellendune Community Centre and Maunsell Way Pavilion when looking at priorities of the council and how the BMX Track project will work within this, he asked that the location outcome is thought of carefully.

Mr Sloan, a resident from Maunsell Way informed the Council that he has been in contact with Sport England to discuss the planning application process and funding opportunities available for the BMX Group and Parish Council. Whilst he thinks the BMX Track is a good idea he doesn't feel that the planning application has been dealt with officially and that the Council are at risk of going against regulations.

The Chairman to the Council had previously responded to Mr Sloan's queries via email, a copy of which will appear as Appendix A in the Minute Book.

The Chair suspended Standing Orders to move Agenda Item 4 forward.

LA/63 BMX Pump Track – Maunsell Way

Members considered a report of the Clerk to decide on the location of the BMX Pump Track, a copy of which appears as Appendix B in the Minute Book.

It was **NOTED** that the meeting with Thames Water that was due to take place on Friday 2nd March did not take place due to the bad weather conditions.

Discussions took place over the different site options, the following comments were made:

Site A - This site is not readily available and would delay the install of the BMX Track. This land is still to be discussed further with Thames Water and due to the cancellation of the site meeting on the 2nd of March it was suggested that the Committee would like to still pursue.

Site B - Original site request from BMX Wroughton, this will involve the Parish Council in removing the current play equipment and re install in a nearby location. Cllr Steve Harcourt asked the Clerk how much was left in the Playground Reserves budget, the Clerk advised £30,061. It was **NOTED** that the BMX group are able to obtain funding of £1,500 to assist with the removal of the Parish Council play equipment.

Site C – Members discussed that this site is positioned to far away from the other sporting areas of Maunsell way. It was highlighted that that site C will interfere with football pitches or sports activities already taking place and also provide an obstacle for dog walkers who may want to access the adjacent field.

Site D & Site E – Comments were made that the BMX Track would be to close the residents of Maunsell Way and also conflict with the current football pitch layout. The football pitches would end up being walked over and damage the field, this would be the only access for the BMX Track users.

Site F – Cllr Carol Clark advised that site F, Falkirk Road, has been investigated previously and may be difficult to build on. There may be services under ground and unlikely to be a viable option. That aside having the BMX track placed at Site F wouldn't affect other regular user groups of Maunsell Way fields at present.

An email from Cllr Amanda Woodhead was received and read by Cllr Carol Clark a copy of which appears as Appendix C in the Minute Book.

The Chair reinstated Standing Orders at 8pm, Cllr Carol Clark resumed as Chair.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that Site B will be used for the BMX Pump Track and that the Parish Council will underwrite the cost of the removal and reinstallation of the current play equipment, overall cost £8,700.

The Parish Council request that BMX Wroughton assist with the cost by funding the £1,500 available to them, the Parish Council will fund the remaining £7,200 out of the Playground Earmarked Reserves budget (Nominal 325, £30,060 remaining).

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the Parish Council will continue negotiations with Thames Water regarding the land pictured in Site A, a copy of which appears in the Minute Book as Appendix D for future community recreation use.

Members **RESOLVED** to request that the Parish Council open negotiations with Wroughton Football Club to consider funding of marking up two new football pitches in relation to site C and E pictured on Appendix D a copy of which appears in the Minute Book.

LA/64 Chair's Report

The Chair expressed her thanks to fellow Councillors and office staff for their work and time which has been put into the Committee and that this will be her last meeting as Chair of the Leisure and Amenities Committee for 2017/ 2018.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Community Engagement Workshop held for the Maunsell Way Refurbishment on 26th February, was a success and the feedback was mainly positive.

LA/65 Maunsell Way Refurbishment

Members **NOTED** the report of Patrick Wilson Architects regarding the Maunsell Way Refurbishment, a copy of which appears as Appendix E in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to recommend the following to Full Council:

To continue the Community Engagement Project to complete RIBA stage 0, this will involve the distribution of a questionnaire and on line survey which will allow members of the public and user groups to share their views. Also recommended that a sub committee is formed as a Decision Making Committee who will be responsible for any expenditure up to £5,000, should Full Council wish to proceed to RIBA stage 1.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree that the printing and distribution of questionnaires to support the research into the feasibility of the Maunsell Way refurbishment is given a budget of £500, this will also to include any on line facility costs.

LA/66 Youth Club

Members considered the report of the Youth Work Manager a copy of which appears as Appendix F in the Minute Book.

It was **NOTED** that there have been no new applications for the Youth Club volunteer role and members **RESOLVED** to agree to recommend that the Youth Club Manager continue to push advertising with all social media avenues and notice boards around the Parish.

Action: Members requested that an update from the Youth Work Manager is presented to the next L&A meeting in two months time and this to include advice on a way forward should the recruitment of Volunteers remain unsuccessful.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the report of the Youth Club Manager and the recommendation that the continued closure of the Youth Club will remain until the Youth Work Manager and Clerk are satisfied that all recommendations from the Youth Programmes Coordinator have been met and approved.

LA/67 Equipment Purchases

Members considered the report of the Clerk a copy of which appears as Appendix G in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree option 2.6 and request that the Clerk ask T H White for a reduction on item 2.3 so that all items can be purchased by one supplier. If a reduction is not met then the original recommendation of 3.1 and 3.2 are reinstated and agreed.

LA/68 Tree Work

Members considered the quotation for the tree work in Willow-Brook gardens a copy of which appears as Appendix H in the Minute Book.

Members **RESOLVED** to agree the quote for tree work and for works to be completed after the 31 March 2018 and accounted for in 2018/2019 budget.

LA/69 Play Area Repairs

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the retrospective expenditure of £115 for the purchase of equipment necessary to perform urgent repairs to the roundabout at the Weir Field play area.

LA/70 Workshop Ground Repairs

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the retrospective expenditure of £210.28 for the purchase of equipment necessary to perform urgent repairs to the ground adjacent to the Grounds Team Workshop.

LA/71 Allotment Track Repairs

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the retrospective expenditure of £172.96 for the purchase of equipment necessary to perform repairs to the allotment track.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm

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Chairman of the Council