

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Wortham & Burgate Parish Council, Playing Fields Committee held virtually via Zoom on Wednesday 26th August 2020 at 8pm.

Councillors present - Jacky Bradley, Jenny Piper, Mike Odams, David Ling

In attendance - Jane Wright (Clerk)

1 member of the public and 2 representatives from the Sports Clubs

1. To elect a Chair for the Playing Fields Committee - Cllr Mike Odams was elected to Chair of the Playing Fields Committee
2. To consider accepting apologies for absence - None
3. To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed - None
4. To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed - None
5. To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation -
 - 5.1 Residents questions and comments - None
 - 5.2 Sports Club questions and comments -
 - 5.2.1 A representative for WLTC requested that the club could arrange to lay paving slabs near to the entrance of the tennis courts, to help prevent mud being taken on to the courts from muddy shoes. It was suggested that the slabs be laid flush with the grass to enable the grass to be cut over them. There will be no cost involved to the Parish Council. There were no objections to this and it was unanimously agreed.

The matter of the use of the Table Tennis table was also raised. It was unanimously agreed that using the Table Tennis table was not exclusively for WLTC members, on the condition that the key to the Pavilion was suitably managed.
 - 5.2.2 A representative for Wortham Bowls Club requested that permission be sought to 'Square off' the bowling green. This would enable the Bowls Club to hold events, allow more members of the public to view and also assist with social-distancing, which could be on-going for some time to come. The matter was discussed at length and it was unanimously agreed that the subject should be taken to the next Parish Council meeting on 8th September.
6. To reconvene the meeting at 8.30pm
7. To receive an update on outstanding actions - A quote had been sourced from Magpie Tree & Fencing prior to lockdown for the possible removal of the willow tree beside the one that had fallen earlier in the year. A large branch on the large willow tree beside the Pavilion had fallen this week and it was agreed to seek quotes to have the large willow tidied up and to obtain further quotes and further advise on the smaller willow. Dog fouling on the playing field has continued to be a problem and it was unanimously agreed to purchase 12 signs, together with 6 wooden posts. Clerk to action the signs and Mike Odams to source posts.

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8. To receive an update on the new Play Equipment for the Children's Play Area - Cllr Bradley has been working to obtain various grants for the purchase of the new play equipment. The condition of the existing play equipment was raised. Cllr Ling and Cllr Odams to meet with the Clerk to assess the equipment.
9. To consider, discuss and agree a contractor for the Mole Control at the Playing Field - As the last contractor unfortunately withdrew their services due to continual theft of their traps, 2 quotes were sourced. After discussion it was agreed to wait and assess the problem later in the year. Clerk to contact the Football Club to enquire when/if play will resume.
10. To consider and discuss the possible merger of the Playing Fields Committee and Common Committee - After discussion it was unanimously agreed that there was nothing to gain from merging the 2 committees and therefore continue as is.
11. To receive items from Councillors - Cllr Piper had received a request that the chairs outside the Pavilion were not very pleasing to the eye and could they be removed. Cllr Ling and Cllr Odams to review the Pavilion and assess. The cricket pitch irrigation tap has now been turned off and the area will be made safe. An email had been received from a concerned resident with regards to the large willow tree at the entrance to the Village Hall. This is causing problems with visibility for cars leaving the Hall, Bowls Club etc. Cllr Odams to assess and advise.
12. To receive items for the next Agenda - New Play Equipment, Moles, Bowls Club and any matters arising.
13. Date and time of next meeting - to be advised

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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