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MINUTES
SPORTS FACILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 5th March 2024 at 19.00
Conference Room, Parish Offices

Members Present: Cllr D Truesdale, Cllr J Brown, Cllr N Kidby, Cllr J Wheeler, Mr B Wilson, Mr T Finch, Mr J Cliffe

Deputy Clerk – Emma Marsden

Members of the public: Ms A Walsh (Haddenham United) and Mr A Giles (Haddenham Youth Football Club) attended the meeting as representatives of their sporting clubs due the absence of Committee Members. There were no other members of the public present.

SF24 32 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr R Mott, Mr R Aitkin, Mr A Wagstaff and Mr A Baldwin.

SF24 33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr N Kidby declared that he was a sponsor of Haddenham United and a Member of The Whistler. This was **NOTED**.

SF24 34 MINUTES

The Minutes from the 5th December 2023 were **RESOLVED** as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SF24 35 WOODWAYS PAVILION IMPROVEMENTS 2024/25

Mr T Finch gave information on an extension to the patio outside The Whistler. It would be built to the same specification as the previous patio, using the same materials so it would match. This area would be open to use for the community as well as Members from The Whistler. There was some discussion and questions answered. It was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Banks Park Recreation Ground Charity and the Parish Council (as sole Trustee) to approve the Patio extension.

SF24 36 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE – WOODWAYS AND AIRFIELD

The Deputy Clerk gave an update on the ground's maintenance. It was expressed that the winter weather has been so wet this year. Leading to a water-logged pitch at Woodways and a delay in the Spring maintenance (as too wet). The Deputy Clerk also gave information regarding the progress of the Football Foundation's Pitch Power grants. The Woodways grant had been approved and we are just waiting for the weather to dry up to undertake some of the prescribed spring maintenance listed in the grant guidance. It was **NOTED** that to obtain the grants two representatives were required to undertake the Grade 1 Pitch Maintenance Course. Alex (from HYFC) and Ian (from HPC) completed the training. The Airfield Pitches Pitch Power grant is still pending and we hope to have a decision soon. This was **NOTED**.

Cllr J Brown arrived at the Committee meeting

SF24 37 WOODWAYS GENERAL MAINTENANCE

- (i) The Deputy Clerk confirmed the gullies had been cleared in the car park. Both were filled to the brim which demonstrated the volume of water the wet winter had generated. It was **NOTED** that the tennis courts had flooded more due to the removal of a bung by the courts. It was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Banks Park Recreation Charity (owner) and the Parish Council (as sole Trustee) to re-instate the bung to help prevent flooding.
- (ii) The Deputy Clerk expressed disappointment in the state of the kitchen including a very mouldy fridge which has been turned off. It was **NOTED** that the Members would re-iterate to their membership to clear up after themselves and leave the kitchen tidy.
- (iii) Mr Wilson gave information on the repairs on the flood lights. There was a schedule of works identified following an inspection. The Tennis club co-ordinated the repairs and are just waiting for final sign on off on the work completed. This project represented approximately £3000 of cost. Haddenham Tennis Club and Haddenham United were in discussions regarding payment contributions. This was **NOTED**.
- (iv) Mr Finch expressed concern that when the new doors were installed in 2019 the keys to the main entrance door and The Whistler (sports and social club) had been given to the sports clubs. There was discussion that the clubs didn't have keys and just used the key pad. It was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Banks Park Recreational Charity (owner) and the Parish Council (as the sole Trustee) to change the locks on the door.

SF24 38 WOODWAYS RECREATION GROUND FUNCTIONS

- (i) It was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Banks Park Recreation Charity (Owner) and the Parish Council (as sole Trustees) permission for 'Cars on the Park' on the 28th July.
- (i) The Deputy Clerk and Mr Finch gave some information regarding the Whistlerfest celebrations. It was clarified that a re-brand of name would be appropriate as this was a 2 year anniversary celebration and more low key than a festival. It would include 2/3 bands playing on the patio, with some street food vendors and would be from 3pm to around 8.30pm. After discussion it was agreed providing the proposed date didn't clash with any sporting club activities, there was no objection. It was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND** to Banks Park Charity (owner) and the Parish Council (as sole Trustee) to support this event. However, it was **NOTED** that date would need to be **AGREED** and The Whistler will need to provide a full risk assessment on the event for approval - prior to the event.
- (ii) To **NOTE** the Ladies Cricket Tournament will be the 20th July 2024.

SF24 39 WOODWAYS FUNCTION ROOM CALENDAR

The Deputy Clerk in conjunction with HTC had resurrected the 'old Playing Field's Management Committee' Google calendar for booking the Function Room. All Sporting Clubs had been sent a link to join but it requires the Parish Council giving access via a code on the first registration. It was **NOTED** for all clubs to follow the link in the email and liaise with Parish Council to get set up.

SF24 40 CONTAINERS ON WOODWAYS AND THE AIRFIELD

- (i) Mr Wilson gave information on the maintenance which had already taken place on the Container and additional refurbishment work proposed. The cost for this work will be split between the Haddenham Players, HTC and HUFC. The Deputy Clerk gave information that grant application forms had been sent to HUFC and Haddenham Players where they could apply for assistance with the cost. It was **NOTED** that HUFC are sponsored by a roofing company so they will contact this organisation regarding assistance with the roof.
- (ii) It was **NOTED** that HYFC / HCC container clearance on the recreation ground has been suspended due to soaked ground.
- (iii) It was **NOTED** that the HYFC Container on the Airfield will be removed when the weather improves.

SF24 41 AIRFIELD PAVILION AND RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT COMPANY

The Deputy Clerk gave information that Active In the Community had been appointed as the management organisation of the Airfield Pavilion. They will take all the bookings for the sports pitches and the Pavilion from 1st April 2024. A introductory meeting has been arranged with the football clubs and AITC next week.

SF24 42 AIRFIELD RECREATION GROUND FUNCTIONS

- (i) It was **NOTED** the Beer Festival is on the 6th July 2024. The Beer Festival will have access to the Playing Fields from 1st July and will have sole use of the Pavilion on the 6th July. There is usually a few days afterwards when there is some clearing up to be completed.
- (ii) It was **NOTED** HYFC football tournament is scheduled for the 31st August and 1st September. HYFC will have sole use of the sports pitches and Pavilion over that weekend.

SF24 43 ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA

To include a review of the electricity usage at Woodways. It was **NOTED** that The Whistler were back paying 70% of the electricity costs for 23/24 which is much appreciated.

SF24 44 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To be confirmed.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

With all the business transacted the meeting was closed at 19.57

Signed:

Chair:

Date: