



## BOX PARISH COUNCIL

### THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 2<sup>nd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019

1. **Present:** Councillors: J. Whitford (Chairman); S. Gould; D. Moore;  
R. Smith; M. Tye; B. Walton; A. Woollard  
Mrs Carey (Clerk)
2. **Apologies:** Cllr S. Parker; Ms G. Potts BAG
3. **Absent:** Nil
4. **Public Question Time:** There were no members of the public present
6. **Issues relating to the Allotments:**
  - The new shed will be arriving in the Autumn
  - A start had been made to fit the edging boards
  - Allotment 7b has not been worked. Clerk to ask if the tenant wishes to retain this
7. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 were taken as read and signed as a true record.
  - a. **Dog Control Order:** Continue to monitor the condition of the Playing fields
  - b. **Seats/ Bench by Cricket Club:** The Shed may be able to help with this
  - c. **Play Surface:** Continue to monitor
  - d. **Boundary along bottom of Allotments:** Cllr Walton to obtain whips from the Woodland Trust. A working party will plant these
  - e. **Repainting train:** It was proposed by Cllr Tye and seconded by Cllr Woollard that a working party paint the train
  - f. **Adult fitness equipment:** Committee to consider which items would be suitable
  - g. **Electricity supply to Tractor Shed:** This had been discussed at Full Council on 29<sup>th</sup> August. The quotation from ES Electrical for the internal work was accepted by Full Council in the sum of £2146.12 + vat  
The petition submitted to Full Council had obtained 77 signatures from parishioners and 47 signatures from non-parishioners.
  - h. **Spraying of Recreation Ground:** It was suggested that only the football pitch and the cricket outfield be sprayed in the future. However, Cllr Whitford stated that there are banks left for the growth of wildflowers. The Recreation Ground was left by Deed of Gift as a Recreation Ground and Sportsground. There is an area on the Common for wildflowers etc and an area in the Millennium Wood to leave dead wood. Discuss further at the next meeting
  - i. **Replacement bridge:** The result of the survey was 105 people in favour and 15 against. The total of 120 responses was only 6.6% of the parish. It was agreed to consider the replacement bridge in context with the whole

refurbishment of the Lovar Garden. Design and costings to be obtained to be discussed with the budget

- j. **Footpath 2:** The Clerk has taken up the ownership of this path with Wiltshire Council.

**8. Survey of Trees on Recreation Ground:** Cllr Whitford had met with Joe Thomas and a full survey had been carried out. A full report on the state of the trees had been circulated to the Committee members.

- Horse Chestnut tree on top part of the Recreation Ground. This is showing signs of cancer in some areas and has an estimated life of around twelve years. It was agreed to plant a further Horse Chestnut Tree. Cllr Woollard has two small saplings to donate to the Council.
- Silver Birch adjacent to the allotment had been removed. It was agreed to replace with a further Silver Birch. Clerk to obtain quotation for a good size tree from Landcare
- Poplar tree at southern end of basketball court needs attention. Major deadwood to be removed this Autumn. Clerk to obtain a separate quote for this work
- Three Poplars on bank - these need to be felled. The middle tree should be felled this Autumn. To be replaced with Liquid Amber tree. Two Maples to eventually replace the other two Poplars
- Willow in centre of pond needs removing. Clerk to obtain quotes. It may be difficult to remove and may need help – possibly from the Army. It was suggested that the deadwood be left so that a carving could be put on this. Discuss this further.
- Willow tree to side of pond is rotting at the base and needs removing – Clerk to obtain quotes
- Some of the trees on the Dog Walk are too close together. It was recommended that some of these be taken down which would reduce the canopy. It would still be dark so some of the tops of the remaining trees would need taking up.
- Bank up to Recreation Ground – Mixed hedging and trees. Half need coppicing now and the other half in five years time. Wild flowers could be planted on the bank. Plants such as primrose, helibore or lungworts could be planted on the side by the stream.

Costings for all this work would need to be obtained

**9. Lovar Garden Working Party:** The Working Party comprising Cllrs Whitford; Tye; Moore and Parker together with Joel Arney had met. They had looked at the original map and concept drawings. The main outcomes were:

- Retain the natural character of the environment. Retain as a natural conservation amenity and extend the Water Garden into the area currently used as a compost area
- Pursue possible areas of funding
- Moat Pond – Cllr Whitford to discuss with a company from Chew Valley
- Vista
- Trees – see report above

**10. Irrigation System on Bowling Green:** The pump had been checked by an electrician. It may be the solenoid and a new one was being obtained

## **Pavilion**

- 11. Lead on the roof:** The work to replace all the lead with leadex had been completed.
- 12. Disabled access into the Pavilion:** This was discuss and it was **recommended** to leave this as it is
- 13. One-off clean of the kitchen:** This had been completed at a cost of £45
- 14. Correspondence**
  - a. Letter received from the Cricket Club. There had been an incident with a young girl on the swings being hit by a cricket ball. They had suggested that a warning sign be put up. After discussion it was **recommended** that this should stay as it is.
  - b. letter from one of the Football Clubs asking for a separate lock up to store their equipment. The Committee did not feel that this was necessary.
  - c. **Pebble project;** - Discuss at Policy & Finance
- 15. Items of Report and Future Agenda items**
  - a. The disabled parking needs repainting. This will be done in the Autumn
  - b. A new spring and cover is required for the horse play equipment
  - c. The weeds on the wall by the footpath need clearing
  - d. Nettles in the Under 7s need clearing
  - e. Footpath down Box Hill needs clearing
- 16. Date of next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019

**Chairman**

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm