



# BOX PARISH COUNCIL

## THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELDS & PAVILION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

1. **Present:** Councillors: J. Whitford (Chairman); S. Gould; D. Moore;  
R. Smith; M. Tye; B. Walton; A. Woollard  
Mrs Carey (Clerk) Ms G. Potts BAG  
Mr C. Priston Box Bowls Club
  
2. **Apologies:** Cllr S. Parker
  
3. **Absent:** Nil
  
4. **Public Question Time:** There were two members of the public present
  
6. **Issues relating to the Allotments:**
  - All allotments were being worked well apart from 7b. Clerk to write and inform the tenant that the Council would not be renewing the agreement.
  - Thanks were given to the working party for the work on the allotment. The old shed had been removed.

**Issues relating to the Bowls Club:**

  - It was reported that over £1000 has been raised so far for the provision of a defibrillator by the Pavilion. It was suggested that Link could provide some funding towards this.
  - The Bowls Club were purchasing a new fridge for the kitchen
  
7. **Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 were taken as read and signed as a true record.
  - a. **Dog Control Order:** The Dog Warden had visited the Recreation Ground recently
  - 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 had been that a working party paint the train. The Shed could help with replacing some of the damaged wood on the boiler part of the train. This could be covered by a tarpaulin to keep it dry whilst painting.
  - f. **Adult fitness equipment:** Committee to consider which items would be suitable. More options to be explored. One suggested website was Sunshine Gym. Clerk to establish where the equipment at the Springfield Centre was purchased from.

***Post Minute note: The equipment at the Springfield Centre was supplied by Proludic***
  - g. **Electricity supply to Tractor Shed:** This had been completed. ***Remove from the Minutes***
  - h. **Spraying of Recreation Ground** Discuss further next year.

- i. **Replacement bridge**; The Full Council meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 had resolved to proceed with the replacement of the bridge at some time in the future.
- j. **Footpath 2**: Network Rail will clear the vegetation from the footpath and Wiltshire Council will replace the edging boards.

#### **8. Survey of Trees on Recreation Ground:**

- 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. It was agreed that these could be placed at the bottom end of the Cricket field where a tree had been removed.
- Silver Birch adjacent to the allotment had been removed. It was agreed to replace with a further Weeping 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. Quotation received in the sum of £320
- 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 quote. It was suggested that a sizeable section of the deadwood be left so that a carving could be put on this.
- 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:** A meeting had been held with Nathan Jackman from White Horse Lake and Pond Construction on 4<sup>th</sup> November. He had looked at the pond and discussed how the inlet and outlet pipes could be improved. The pond liner is synthetic and does not need replacing. He suggested that a five year plan be drawn up. They could send a surveyor to look at the site and draw up a scheme for a cost of £450. This was something that the Committee may consider in the future.

Cllr Tye had met with David Colbourne from the Cotswold Wardens and a further meeting will be held when the Action Plan had been drawn up. The Cotswold Wardens had offered to help with the work.

When the work to the trees along the Dog Walk had been carried out light could get in and woodland flowers could be planted. It was also suggested that the bamboo be removed.

- 10. Irrigation System on Bowling Green:** The pump is now working. ***Remove from Minutes***

- 11. Litter bins;** The replacement of the six bins will be discussed with the budget.

**12. Dispensers for dog bags;** Cllr Smith was pursuing this.

**13. Welding repairs to engine climbing frame/new handrail:** Quotes received for this.  
To be considered with the budget.

### **Pavilion**

**14. Tables:** It had been reported that some of the tables were slipping when stacked.  
It is **recommended** that a trolley for the tables be purchased at a cost of £280

**15. Chairs;** Two of the chairs had been vandalised. These will be repaired if possible.

### **16. Items to be considered with the budget**

- Lovar Garden - build up over three years £5000
- Tree work in remainder of rec £1500
- Six new rubbish bins - £960
- Ten flower boxes £200 + donation to The Shed
- Toilet roll holders to be replaced by paper dispensers in public toilets - £250 X 10 (£2500)
- Paper hand towels to be replaced by air dryers est £200 each x 7 + fitting (£1400 +)
- Merry go round for under 7s - £1000
- Adult gymnasium equipment – waiting CIL money and possible grants from NHS
- Equipment – reciprocating saw £400 large loppers £100
- Trade in two push mowers for new rechargeable push mower – will get quotes from John Miller

### **17. Correspondence:**

- **RoSPA Report:** The RoSPA report for the play area had been received. Cllr Whitford will go through this with Joel and any work required will be carried out during the winter.

### **18. Items of Report and Future Agenda items**

- Cllr Woollard gave her apologies for meetings in December
- It was suggested that some parts of the Recreation Ground could be left uncut. To be put on the Agenda for a future meeting
- **Pebbles on mesh:** Cllr Smith reported that she has some mesh with pebbles on them. She suggested that the school children could paint these and they could then be displayed on the Recreation Ground. Discuss at the next meeting

**19. Date of next meeting:** 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**Chairman**

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm