

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Trustees of Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Trust held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Thomas Cranmer Centre at 7pm.**

**Present at the meeting:**

WPC: Chris Grocock; Gregg Redford, Ray Evans, Julia Faulkenbridge.

APC: Chris Haslam, Julie Brown, Mansfield Barker, Kath Auckland, Richard Sharpe.

**1. Appointment of the Meeting Chairman**

APC and WAPF Committee Vice-chairman Chris Haslam was appointed.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** None.

**3. Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Anne Crowley (APC).

**4. WAPFT Accounts (see appendix to the minutes).**

- An incomplete (income/expenditure) draft hard copy to 31.3.18 was available at the meeting.
- Standing item on the Playing Field Committee meeting agenda to review the accounts regularly and also the contributions of the clubs who play on the field.
- The accounts will be published on the WAPFT website at year end.

**5. The Pavilion Replacement and Funding the Project.**

Cllr Grocock, Chairman of the Playing Field Management Committee, listed four options currently under consideration:

- a high specification super build
- conventional build (contact of committee member Mr Richard Lambourne could look at a Sports England standard focused bid for funding)
- basic brick but not to Sports England standard
- portacabin/modular

There followed a full discussion where several points were made:

Cllr Redford: had investigated the cost of a modular version and it would be in the region of £136,00 plus groundwork, Cllr Barker replied he had found a supplier (Portacabin) in the region of £60,000. This included Home and Away and Officials changing rooms

Cllr Grocock: all possible funding had not been explored, and we should get advice from funding consultants and for this more details of the direction of the project was needed.

Cllr Redford: WAPFT should make a fully informed and balanced decision on how to proceed.

Cllr Faulkenbridge: funding from a number of sources is possible, including agencies and the money should be collected before making a final decision as to the type of pavilion build.

Cllr Auckland: it is unlikely significant sums could be raised without match funding.

Cllr Brown: a higher number of teams using the field would help secure increased funding but there is a limit to the number of pitches that can be provided.

Cllr Barker: in the worst-case scenario only two teams may be using the field in future so a basic pavilion would meet their needs.

Cllr Haslam: the teams want the WAPFT to provide a better facility. Cllr Redford pointed out that the Aslockton Cranmers Club had gone elsewhere to gain better facilities.

Cllr Evans: there are limitations with the number and size of pitches; and the maximum number of games which can be played a year, and this is an issue in funding bids.

Cllr Grocock suggested that the parish councils should decide whether they would be prepared to make funding bids where it was appropriate for a local authority to do so.

Cllr Grocock asked if the trustees were in agreement with the Playing Field Committee using a third-party consultancy organisation to help secure funding for the replacement of the pavilion on a no win no fee basis. **No objections.**

**Motion carried to continue looking at three of the options for the pavilion replacement; at no commitment or cost to WAPFT; WPC or APC.**

- **Brick built to Sports England standard**
- **Basic brick build**
- **Modular/Portacabin**

**Proposer Cllr Redford; seconder Cllr Grocock.**

**ACTION:** Playing Field Committee to look at fund-raising and detailed business cases for building a facility for changing rooms/sports team use only: pavilion of traditional build to Sports England standard, basic standard pavilion, portacabin.

## **6. Update on the Purchase of New Play Equipment.**

- Pledged contributions from APC and WPC and small grant applications are building up a funding pot to provide better equipment.
- Local Improvement Scheme decision due in April – £25k applied for. The application cited the ear-marked reserves of the two parish councils and an anticipated £17k of the Aslacr Park related S106 money (although the latter isn't guaranteed).

## **ACTIONS:**

- RBC Community Grant – up to £15k – WAPFT to make a bid

## **7. A.O.B.**

Cllr Redford raised the issue of allowing dog-walking. A fenced-in dog walking area could

be considered with volunteers 'policing' it. Discussion ensued – on the one side the sports teams are resistant to the idea; on the other side some families have dogs as well as children so creating an area within the site for dog-walking would widen the attraction and use of a local amenity. **ACTION:** agenda item next meeting.

Cllr Grocock confirmed that the Playing Field Committee AGM will be held in June.

#### **8. Date of next meeting of the WAPFT.**

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> June or earlier if necessary to discuss further the pavilion options.

#### **9. Closure of Meeting.**

Cllr Haslam thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 20.23pm.