



Minutes of the meeting of the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee at the Cranmer Arms, Main Street, Aslockton on Tuesday 18th December 2018 at 7:30pm

Members Present

Present: P.Brown (Chair), G.Nerney (Vice) , Cllr C.Grocock, Cllr J.Brown, Cllr C.Haslam, A.Curzon, R.Lambourne, P.Griffin, R.Crawford, P.Chamberlain, K.Auckland.

1. Apologies

S.Ashmore

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Accepted as true record of November's meeting (noted two spelling mistakes).

3. Matters Arising/Declaration of Interest

Fundraising

Cllr C.Grocock reported the S106 money has now been approved, the full £34,000 plus interest. It is understood that the money will be held by RBC and any expenditure will have to be paid for by WAPFC and then reimbursed by sending invoices to RBC. This shouldn't be a problem as the bank balance is now healthy (following receipt of LIS funding). It was noted the LIS could be applied for again next year but must be for a different project.

Wren and Sports England Community Asset Funds - Cllr C.Grocock has made the initial registration. Wren grants available from £2000 up to £100,000 with a 10.75% match funding required, next session of applications open from 26/12/18 and runs through to March 2019. The Sports England Community Asset Fund requires the Playing Field Committee to have child and vulnerable adult protection policies. Action: P.Brown to speak to M.Hallam for advice and look into the matter further.

A.Curzon reported that the WAPFC had not been successful on the Aviva selection through to the finalists, however it is hoped there will be a token payment like last year.

R.Lambourne commented that the Co-op scheme could also be applied for again next year, but must be for a different project.

Pavilion

P.Brown reported the EON account is now set up on line and he will be taking the meter readings as needed.

Playing Field

A.Curzon reported he had recently inspected the field:

- There was some water inside the pavilion - although there was heavy condensation it was likely there was a small leak from the roof.
- The grass on the field is quite long and there are still sizeable cracks (photographs were circulated amongst the committee). The current state of the weather had been unsuitable to look at filling the cracks with topsoil.

There followed a discussion where several points were raised. Will the cost of the repair be in excess of the income generated from football usage? Does the insurance cover liability now the potential danger of the cracks have been identified? In conclusion it was decided the repair of the field is essential to make it safe and for the general improvement of the sport pitches, to use sand instead of top soil (better for drainage)

and to increase the amount needed to 20 tonnes. Action: P.Brown to speak to M.Hallam re: quote from Simon Daws, and Cllr C.Haslam to pursue an alternative quote.

Trees for Playing field from APC - P.Brown described the locations that had been proposed by APC - a cherry and crab tree to the left through the side gate, a willow and oak in the bottom corner, a maple and lime in the top corner near the grass cutting, and a horse chestnut and maple on the boundary near the play equipment. R.Crawford brought to the committee's attention the need of Trent Valley Drainage Board to have access to clear the dyke, also to be aware of the sewage pipe and manhole covers that run through the field. Information to be passed to Streetwise who will be planting the trees.

5.Finance

In the absence of the Treasurer, S.Ashmore , finance matters deferred to next meeting - only to comment that the bank balance is now in a healthy position with the recent receipt of some of the grant funding.

4. Other Items raised by Chairman

Formation of Sub Committee for Phase 1 of the project, Play Equipment and Field Improvement

Cllr C.Grocok happy to Chair and lead. Tasks involved will be sequencing of the project, pricing and consultation. The play equipment company will be able to provide project management resources - however this will be chargeable, so as much as possible needs to be done by the sub committee to reduce cost.

Proposed sub committee: T.Moxey for his previous work on design and layout, and from the Playing Field Committee: S.Ashmore for financial input, especially initially, A.Curzon, R.Lambourne and P.Chamberlain

Cllr C.Grocock looking at initially meeting with the play equipment Proludic in January (Cllr C.Haslam raised the point of requiring alternative quotes – this can be done after this initial meeting).

All decisions would have to go to the WAPFC for approval. P.Brown proposed the formation of a sub committee as above, seconded by Cllr C.Haslam - all agreed.

Trustee Meeting

P.Brown reported that he and S.Ashmore had attended the latest Trustee's meeting - pleased to report that the Trustees were happy with the way the WAPFC is progressing. With reference to the previous approach of increasing the PC precept by £1 per household, the Trustees suggested instead that P.Brown formally requests an additional £500, as a one off increase, on the usual £900 contribution from each PC. A request was also made by the Trustees for the Committee to look at a wider use of the playing field as this would help to justify the extra cost to the residents.

In reply, it was felt that the limited facilities and poor state of the pavilion deter any sports clubs being interested in using the field. Improving the facilities would make the field more attractive to other clubs.

P.Brown proposed to request additional £500 for next year only, from each PC. Seconded by G.Nerney. All agreed.

Constitution Rule Change

P.Brown had requested at the Trustees meeting a change in the constitution rules to allow for the positions of Treasurer, Secretary and Groundsman/Field Manager to be appointed (as opposed to co-opted) as voting members on a voluntary basis. The Trustees agreed and the alteration had been prepared by Gregg Redford.

The Treasurer, Secretary and Field Manager to become voting members of the committee. Proposed by P.Brown , seconded by G.Nerney, all agreed.

Meeting Location

P.Brown suggested the back room of the TCC as a possible alternative meeting location at a cost of £5 - as the WAPFC is a closed meeting, the location would be both private and quiet. There followed a discussion raising loyalty to the Cranmer Arms, the additional cost, and the need for privacy in the light of recent GDPR compliance legislation. As a compromise it was agreed to consider the use of the TCC room at such times when privacy was needed, for example such as discussing large tenders.

Meeting closed 8.50pm

Date of next meeting Tuesday 29th January 2019

