

# Wickersley Parish Council

## Minutes of the Recreation Grounds Committee Meeting 7pm 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 held at Wickersley Community Centre

Members: Cllrs: A Bates (Chairman), S Ellis, A Gibson and  
M Godfrey

In Attendance: Mrs Rachel Chico (Clerk), Gary Whitaker (Active Regen), Cllr C  
Grimes, Cllr P Thirlwall, Chris Glossop and Len Curtis (Wickersley  
Youth Football Club)

**327. To receive apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr J Barber

**328. To Approve the minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Resolved:** The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.

**329. To note matters arising from the minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Following on from the letter from the resident regarding the tree at Bob Mason a further letter has been received with regard to the fencing.

**Resolved :** To reply to state hedging can be erected but only on the residents side of the boundary.

**330. To receive a financial update to 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017**



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Recreation Grounds Committee - Financial Statement to 23rd January 2017	Budget to 31 March 2017	Actual Income/ Expenditure	Committed Income/ Expenditure	Forecast	Difference
	A	B	C	D=B+C	E=D-A
<b>INCOME</b>					
Bob Mason Pavilion Income	£4,000.00	£3,495.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	-£1,000.00
Other	£10,000.00	£400.00	£0.00	£400.00	£9,600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£14,000.00</b>	<b>£3,895.00</b>	<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£5,400.00</b>	<b>£8,600.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>					
Recreation Grounds	£4,000.00	£1,505.74	£1,250.00	£4,000.00	£0.00
Bob Mason Pavilion	£1,400.00	£703.86	£696.14	£1,400.00	£0.00
Bob Mason Rec Ground Projects	£8,000.00	£7,692.07	£0.00	£7,692.07	£307.93
Wickersley Park Projects	£13,500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£3,500.00	£10,000.00
Grounds Maintenance Contract	£12,500.00	£6,397.44	£3,052.56	£9,700.00	£2,800.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£39,400.00</b>	<b>£16,299.11</b>	<b>£4,998.70</b>	<b>£26,292.07</b>	<b>£13,107.93</b>
<b>SURPLUS / -DEFECIT (met by COUNCIL)</b>	<b>-£25,400.00</b>	<b>-£12,404.11</b>	<b>-£4,998.70</b>	<b>-£20,892.07</b>	<b>-£4,507.93</b>
Wickersley Park Development					
Budget from Reserves	27000.00				

**Resolved :** The above financial update was approved.

### 331. To meet with representatives of Wickersley Youth regarding bookings

Discussions took place with Wickersley Youth regarding them using Bob Mason Recreation ground for organised football activity. The committee explained the need for the Council to be transparent and explained the process the Council uses for grants and usage of amenities in the village, requiring a copy of accounts and constitution. The representatives from Wickersley Youth explained how they are all volunteers and all the groups are childrens groups, they currently play on various grounds for example the cricket club (where they pay £10 per session on the basis the food and bar are open for the use of paying parents), Northfield Lane School, Wickersley School and Sports College. The representatives confirmed they are happy for the Council to look at the accounts, which are audited by Parkins Accountants. They confirmed the club was established in 1983 and has a constitution, holds an Annual General Meeting which is held in May / June each year and are registered with the FA. The club currently has 24 individual teams which hold their own funds as well as the umbrella group that holds funds. They explained they had been in discussions to see about taking over the Bill Hawes ground in Bramley.

The committee explained the difference between organised matches and training and use of the general public of Bob Mason Recreation Ground. The way the Parish Council is funded through the precept paid by the residents of Wickersley was explained. The fact that they have to book the ground was explained along with the issues the council faces from the residents and precept payers. Parking issues were explained along with bad language, the need to rest pitches.



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Wickersley Youth confirmed they would be flexible on times and days of booking and asked for consideration of having smaller junior pitches as a way forward. It was confirmed Wickersley Youth currently pay £30 for a large pitch at Wickersley School and sports college and £24 for half an hour on the astro turf pitch.

Wickersley Youth confirmed that they would be looking to hire pitches for training from Easter onwards and then matches from June onwards. A discussion took place with why there is a requirement to pay, explaining football pitches require additional maintenance to standard grass and also again to re-iterate the difference between resident use and use by organised groups.

The committee had a general discussion regarding the situation and considered that, following receipt and approval of the constitution and accounts, a proposal to look an agreement on Monday to Friday of each week from 4pm until 7pm for a cost of £25 per night. The charges and a bond would need to be paid by the umbrella organisation not individual teams. The county pitch could not be used in this agreement. The Clerk to look into costings with the current contractor regarding making one pitch into two nine-a-side pitches; or looking at alternative configurations of the site for better utilisation. If the agreement was to go-ahead a break clause would be implemented after 3 months and a full review after 12 months.

**Resolved : Wickersley Youth agreed to send across the accounts and constitution to the Clerk of Wickersley Parish Council.**

## **332. To consider Summer Sports programme 2017**

### **332.1 To discuss wider sport programme**

Gary Whitaker gave an overview of the wider sports programme to include youth programme, summer sports and older persons activities.

**Resolved : To proceed with the summer sports programme. Cllr A Bates to request rollover budget underspend from 2016/17 to pay for additional activities. Total required £4500.00.**

## **333. To consider any issues arising at the Bob Mason Recreation Ground, including: -**

### **333.1 Play Inspection Reports**

Several issues have arisen at the site, in the main with regard to the wood rotting. There are several expensive items which will need rectification in the near future, these are being monitored by RMBC with the play inspections.

**Resolved : To look at replacing the timber, two specifications one pressure treated and one cedar.**

### **333.2 To discuss fencing around the play area**

The item was noted and deemed not required.

### **333.3 To discuss drainage of the car park**

**Resolved : To be monitored.**

### **333.4 Signage at the bike track**



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Discussion took place regarding the need for signage for people to understand the bike track and other equipment is to be used at their own risk. A further discussion took place regarding the opening event and a need for more bike checks.

**Resolved :** To purchase two new signs to be displayed on each entrance gate stating **These facilities are to be used at your own risk.** Clerk to look into a date for Easter holidays on a Saturday morning and to advertise in the newsletter if possible.

## **333.5 Request for additional benches**

Noted

## **334. To consider any issues arising at Wickersley Park, including: -**

### **334.1 To discuss play inspection reports**

Minor issues at the park, no urgent requirements.

### **334.2 To discuss pull up bars**

To discuss at the next meeting.

### **334.3 To discuss the park plans**

Cllr P Thirlwall and C Grimes were present at the meeting regarding park changes for the Gala.

**Resolved :** To proceed with works to drop the kerb at Oak Tree Close entrance and move the current gate to be sited next to the pedestrian entrance. Three quotes to be obtained prior to proceeding with the works. Further plans to be discussed at the next meeting.

### **334.4 To discuss bowling green signage**

To discuss at the next meeting.

### **334.5 Notice board**

To discuss at the next meeting.

### **334.6 Resident issue re Youth Shelter location / removal**

Noted

### **334.7 Request from football team to use Wickersley Park**

A Wickersley Youth team were given permission to use Wickersley Park for a one-off match as their regular site, Cricket Club Northfield Lane were unable to host them on this one occasion. A further request came from the team to use Wickersley Park for matches for the team.

**Resolved :** Wickersley Park is not for hire, the site is for resident use as community amenity. Bob Mason is for hire for football teams to use for organised matches and training.



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335. To note the meeting schedule for 2017, all meetings to be held at 7pm on Mondays unless stated: -

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017  
5<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
18<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

Signed.....  
(Chair)

Date 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017



