

RECREATION

TWYFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 6th May 2021 at 7.30pm

Held remotely using MS Teams

Councillors present	Councillors apologies	In attendance
Cllr W Lawton		J P Matthews – Clerk
Cllr J Pain		Cllr S Cook
Cllr S Pullen		Cllr T Bronk
Cllr R Sellers		Cllr C Hill

Item	Business Transacted
R117/20	Apologies for Absence
R118/20	Chairman's Announcements Cllr Lawton expressed sadness of the passing of Cllr. Ian Wheeler and to thank him for all he has done for the Recreation Committee. No update on funeral arrangements at present, further details to be conveyed. Covid restrictions likely to still be in place, however, people may stand on the bank.
R119/20	Declarations of Interest No declarations were made.
R120/20	Public Representation No public in attendance.
R121/20	Approval of Minutes It was Resolved that minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on the 25 th March 2021 be approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Lawton, seconded by Cllr Pullen.
R122/20	Matters arising from the minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 25 th March 2021.
R122/20.1	Cllr Hill requested that, thinking of Cllr Wheeler and all the work he did for the children of the Parish, bearing in mind there are no facilities currently for children with special needs, a special swing be considered for Hunter Park, possibly as an adaptation to an existing swing.
R122/20.2	The Clerk confirmed that the bench seat for Northfields had been ordered and is due to be delivered to Cllr Cook's address within 2/3 weeks.
R122/20.3	The Clerk is in the process of completing the necessary paperwork for personal trainers to use Hunter Park, and is aiming for implementation week commencing 17 th May 2021. It was agreed for Cllrs to observe the use of Hunter Park by professional dog walkers and be put forward as an item for the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.

R123/20	<p>To consider ideas for a memorial for Cllr Ian Wheeler.</p> <p>This subject was touched on at item R122.20.1 above. Further suggestions included a cherry tree as it would bloom at this time of year every year or a bench. Possible locations of a cherry tree included Hunter Park, the church grounds or the church path. The provision of a swing for special needs children was further discussed, particularly the possibility of a special seat attached to an existing swing. Cllr Cook agreed to investigate further and bring to FPC.</p>
R124/20	<p>To consider the replacement of the junior goalposts at Hunter Park.</p> <p>Cllr Cook has made enquiries with three companies, prices range from £140 to £700, some are combined football/rugby posts. The Clerk confirmed there is a budget of £500 for replacement goals. There was some discussion of the composition and size of the goals and it was suggested something similar to the goalposts at Northfields would be a good option. Cllr Cook to further explore costs, and bear in mind the budget of £500, if a higher cost then it would need to be approved by FPC. The possibility of a grant from the Football Foundation was discussed but this would only be considered if it was for the use of affiliated clubs.</p>
R125/20	<p>To consider if a second lock be purchased for the rolling goalposts to help prevent their unauthorised use. It was resolved that a lock be purchased.</p>
R126/20	<p>To consider the provision of additional dog waste bins and signage at Hunter Park.</p> <p>The provision of additional dog waste bins and costs was discussed at length. It was resolved to relocate the green bin, currently at the back of the Pavilion, to the car park area and monitor the situation.</p>
R127/20	<p>To consider the parking facilities at Hunter Park.</p> <p>The blocking of the access gate to Hunter Park was discussed, and Cllr Cook proposed that a larger sign be purchased to replace the current small sign. Cllr Cook agreed to investigate costs with Mint Signs.</p> <p>It was noted that the combination code for the gate had recently been changed and the Clerk would arrange for the new number to be recorded in the key box inside the Pavilion.</p>
R128/20	<p>To receive and consider the Legionella Risk Assessment report for Hunter Park Pavilion.</p> <p>The report had been circulated with the Agenda, and The Clerk outlined the number of recommendations required to be implemented, most relating to procedures and processes, eg recording of water running and formal training. The Clerk confirmed that the cleaner does run all water outlets for 10 minutes once a week which is recorded in the Pavilion. The overall risk is Medium. It was resolved that The Clerk and the Assistant Clerk would work on a draft policy and bring to the next meeting of the Recreation Committee.</p>
R129/20	<p>To consider if Cricket All Stars may hold an occasional BBQ.</p> <p>Members considered a request for the Cricket Club to hold barbecues on the evening of All Stars cricket academy events. After much deliberation it was felt that Hunter Park was generally a no BBQ area. However, consideration would be made on individual circumstances, for example an end of season event for members only. In these circumstances it would require professional organising with a professional catering company and gas BBQ.</p> <p>Of barbecues in general there was concern over the litter that would be left, damage to grassed areas, potential health and safety concerns and that it could have a roll-on effect to other organisations who may assume it was ok to hold</p>

	<p>regular barbecues. It was noted that there are cooking facilities inside the Pavilion that could be used.</p> <p>It was Resolved not to give permission for Twyford Cricket Club to hold regular barbecues in Hunter Park.</p>
R130/20	<p>To consider if the 'giraffe' sign stored in the Pavilion could be utilised.</p> <p>It was resolved to have the giraffe fixed to the side of the Pavilion and will be put onto the maintenance list for the handyman to install.</p>
R131/20	<p>To receive the updated maintenance list.</p> <p>The maintenance list was circulated with the Agenda prior to the meeting. It was noted that the outside tap at the Pavilion was outstanding as well as the repairs to the fence at Northfields. Cllrs Pullen and Cook to liaise and prioritise all other outstanding items.</p> <p>Discussions were made regarding the painting of the fence at Hunter Park and it was noted that the Caretaker had spent time fitting the matting at the outside gym during the time he had allocated for the fence. It was suggested and agreed that volunteers would be sought to continue with the painting, relieving the Caretaker to other tasks. It was Resolved that Cllr Cook will contact the Caretaker to ask if he is happy for volunteers to continue, Cllrs Cook and Bronk to organise TIS and volunteers with Cllr Pullen to assist with a risk assessment.</p>
R132/20	<p>Items for future meetings</p> <p>Cllr Pullen outlined a science project that Twyford St Mary's School had outlined; they would like to create a wildlife corner with seating area using the logs from the ash trees to create a circle. The proposal would be circulated by Cllr. Pullen/The Clerk and can be considered at the May Full Council meeting.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting of the Recreation Meeting is to be held on 22nd July 2021 at 7.30pm.</p>