



## CHURCHILL PARISH COUNCIL



### LEISURE COMMITTEE

#### **Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7.30 pm**

##### **Present :-**

Councillors (Named & Voting):- Jackie Bush, Brenden Hill, Sue List and Simon Glanfield  
Councillor (Non-Voting) Bill Caruthers  
User Representatives : Mike Legg, Chris Masters (Churchill Cricket Club)

Also present : Martin Dolton – Clerk of the Council

##### **1718/L/027 Apologies for absence.**

Councillors Simon Hegarty and Dev Clutterbuck.

##### **1718/L/028 Declarations of Interest.**

None.

##### **1718/L/029 To confirm and sign minutes of meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2017 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

##### **1718/L/030 Public Participation**

No members of the public or press were present

##### **1718/L/031 Budget vs Spend 2017/18 update.**

Members were provided with copies of the current budget status for items relating to the committee.

The Clerk explained various aspects of the status report, and no issues were raised.

##### **1718/L/032 Play Areas**

The Clerk commented that the hedge between the skate park area and children's play area was due to be cut in the next few days.

##### **1718/L/033 Trim trail – Update on Implementation**

Members were informed that an on-site meeting had recently taken place between a representative of the chosen suppliers (Sovereign Play), the Clerk, and members of the Cricket Club committee. Sites for all six pieces of equipment had been chosen with safety and future hedge cutting in mind. The committee were shown plans of the proposed sites of each piece of equipment.

Councillor Bill Caruthers addressed the committee and wished to emphasize his

opposition to this project, on the grounds of the potential future major development within the village threatening the field, and that he felt not enough research on usage uptake had taken place to justify the large expenditure.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Leisure Committee approves the sites of the six pieces of equipment for the Trim Trail and notes the implementation date of the final week of April 2018.

**1718/L/034 Somerset Playing Fields Association Membership / Awards Competition**

Members considered continuation of the council's membership of the association and entry into this year's playing field competition.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Parish Council will continue membership of the Somerset Playing Fields Association and will enter into this year's playing field competition.

**1718/L/035 Future use of Sports Pitches/facilities: Cheddar Valley Rugby Club**

Members of the Rugby Club had requested permission to use the floodlit pitch on a regular basis for training one night per week during season, and potentially use of shower facilities.

Following discussion it was agreed that this additional use of the facilities was welcomed and by setting an annual fee for the regular usage it was understood that there would be no VAT implications.

**RESOLVED:-**

The Cheddar Valley Rugby Club will be invited to use the floodlit pitch area for training on a regular weekly basis at a fee of £150.00 per annum for the pitch alone, or £200.00 per annum with use of showers.

**1718/L/036 Drainage / Soak-away on sports grounds: Feasibility Study**

It had been recognized for some time that drainage on part of the field near the pavilion had been poor and caused issues. There have been suggestions that consideration be given to digging a soak-away near the site where water drains from nearby fields onto the cricket outfield in an attempt to alleviate the problems.

**RESOLVED:-**

A feasibility study including costing will take place for the provision of a soak-away on the field to alleviate the drainage problems, and a report made to a future meeting.

**1718/L/037 Community Club : Update / Issues**

**(a) *Non Domestic Rates***

The Clerk explained to the committee that he had received a '7 day demand' for payment of Non Domestic rates – having not received any earlier correspondence or bills from NSC. The Clerk had responded by submitting an application for Rate Relief as it is understood that a Parish council does not pay these rates. No response had yet been received from NSC despite the Clerk chasing the matter.

**(b) *Utility Bills***

There are no issues now with the electricity and current gas bills which have been paid. No bills have yet been received relating to water.

(c) **Decor**  
Arrangements are in hand to have the walls of the social area re-painted.

(d) **Future Hiring**  
Whilst it is hoped that once the décor is improved the social area will become fit for individuals to hire for small functions, the Clerk will be liaising together with Councillor Dev Clutterbuck with the VAT office over the implications of such hiring.

**1718/L/038 Football Club Matters.**

No members of the football club were present.

**1718/L/039 Cricket Club matters.**

(a) **Update on Pavilion Extension Project**

The Clerk reported that no further action could be taken yet, as the council still await written confirmation from North Somerset Council that Section 106 funds of some £38,500 will be allocated to the future project.

(b) **Connection to newly installed electricity supply at edge of field-update**

The connection is now complete and operational.

(c) **Portaloo**

The cricket club asked for consent to place a portaloo at the rear of the pavilion. The committee agreed that this was granted.

**1718/L/040 To receive matters for information and future agenda items.**

- The Clerk informed members that following the appointment of Assistant Clerk (Ann Boote) w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the plan was that Ann would become the member of staff responsible for the Leisure Committee administration and action. Ann will be in attendance at the next meeting, with the Clerk present to advise and assist.

There being no further Business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

**Date of next Scheduled meeting : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2018 (Provisional)**