

# Churchill Parish Council



## Minutes of the Leisure Committee Meeting on Monday 16th October 2023.

Present: Committee Members – Councillors Jackie Bush (Chair of Committee), R Baker, J Murray and M Simpson.

Sally Diaz, Parish Clerk, G Kierle, A Flint, E Harvey, M Legg and K Tucker.

Public Question time-there were no members of the public present.

- 23-24/LC9A**                    **To receive any apologies of non-attendance.**  
Councillor J Ronicle and J Lenton sent their apologies.
- 23-24/LC9B**                    **To receive any declarations of interest on agenda items.**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23-24/LC9C**                    **To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**  
It was resolved to confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023.
- 23-24/LC9D**                    **Clerks update**  
The clerk advised that quotes had been received to replace the cricket net for 2024 and would go to full council for approval. The apex timber trail frame is damaged, and the quotes received have been higher than expected. It will be added to the full council agenda in November with the recommendation to remove it. The drainage work is planned to begin soon to provide sufficient time for the cricket field's grass to grow and the area to settle ahead of the 2024 season which starts on 20.4.24.  
The council are waiting for the decision from North Somerset Council on the car park spaces which will provide an additional 16 spaces at the recreation field. The chairman and the clerk confirmed that all vehicles that need to access the field MUST go around the field and not across the pitches. The parked car will remain at the entrance of the field for security and if access is required, James at the café can assist.
- 23-24/LC9E**                    **To consider the budget versus spend.**  
The budget v spend is on target for the year. All projects discussed in the clerks report are from ear marked reserves and will have no effect on the

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budget for 2023-24.

## **23-24/LC9F**

### **To ensure spectators with dogs are asked to remove them from the pitch.**

It was agreed that the clerk will email all team organisers to advise players that the home teams are responsible for asking supporters with dogs to leave the field. The home team will ask the away team to speak to their supporters if dogs are on the field and that they ask them to take them off the field. The chairman reminded the teams that it is everyone's responsibility to look after the pitch. The clerk will add a reminder to the next newsletter.

## **23-24/LC9G**

### **To receive updates from the sports clubs.**

Winscombe Football Club reported that the club is growing in numbers with 300 children on their books and 400 members in total signed up to the teams. The club has seen an increase to the number of girls playing for the club. The teams are playing more at Churchill and using the training pitch during the week. The clerk will arrange for the portable goals to be moved to pitch 2 and secured. The pitch liner will be stored in the football storage container at the field. The clerk will ask the grass cutter to cut the grass on Wednesday or Thursday to allow for pitch marking on Friday.

Churchill Cricket Club have discussed the issues through the year with the grass cutting, they were marked down for the length of the grass on the field. The Cricket Club Chairman met with the contractor and agreed on actions for the next season. There are 75 children at the club, the women's team played their 2<sup>nd</sup> season and finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in their league. There are ECP qualified coaches who are DBS checked. Churchill Academy have played at the club during the summer and in return the cricket club are using the sports hall to train through the winter at a reduced cost to the club. A sandwich board will be placed near the bus shelter on match days. The team are continually looking for new players and the clerk advised that the parish council newsletter can help with advertising.

Churchill Football Club have their first home game on 21<sup>st</sup> October and have made a great start to the season winning 4 out of 5 games. They are pleased with the quality of the pitch from the work carried out. The club have painted the dugout. Fixtures can be added to the parish newsletter.

## **23-24/LC6H**

### **To receive matters for information and future agenda items.**

The clerk asked for any fund raising or club events to be shared with the parish council so all teams are aware of future plans and can help advertise on the parish council media sources. The posts on the green area near the hand can be used to advertise matches and team events.

**The next Leisure Committee meeting will be Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**End of minutes.**