



UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Upton by Chester and District Parish Council's QE II Playing Field Sub-Committee, held on Monday 21 December 2020, 6.30pm, via Cisco Webex.

Present: Cllr Bennion, Cllr Evans, Cllr Houlbrook and Cllr Hulmes.
In attendance: Nikki Harrison (LTA) and Suzi Bull (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Poulton.

Resolved: noted.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 were confirmed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Bennion, seconded by Cllr Evans. All agreed.

4. RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM NIKKI HARRISON OF THE LTA.

Members of the committee were reminded of the following information:

The LTA will support the cost of flood lighting by offering an interest free loan over a good term. E.g. £25,000 at 0% interest over a 5-7 year term.

This will increase the number of playing hours (and therefore income potential) and make year-round play possible.

The PC will be required to make sinking fund available for the cost of court and lighting maintenance during its life cycle.

Club Spark online booking system will allow flexibility to players; this is used in conjunction with the new Club Spark access gate that will unlock when a booking is registered.

A tailor-made coaching program may be set up with several different models available. Coaches with LTA accreditation should be used. If the PC decides to run its own coaching scheme, NH will assist with recruiting a suitable coach.

Resolved: Cllr Bennion will draft a tennis play and coaching schedule and bring back to the next meeting.

The committee will make a recommendation to the full Parish Council to use some ring-fenced funds for the first-year loan repayments and to set up a sinking fund.

A further meeting with Nikki Harrison will be arranged for mid-January.

5. WILDLIFE POND.

Cllr Poulton was not available to report at this meeting.

6. PLAYGROUND.

Resolved: The Clerk will liaise with the project manager to move forward with the playground refurbishment, especially the replacement play surface.

7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: The date and time of the next meeting will be on January 25 2021.