



UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Upton by Chester and District Parish Council QE II Playing Field Sub-Committee held on 29 March 2021, 7.30pm, via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Cllr A Bennion, Cllr J Evans, Cllr G Hulmes, Cllr J Houlbrook and Cllr N Poulton.

In attendance: Ms S Bull (Clerk and Proper Officer) and 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

No apologies for absence were received. All present.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTES.

Resolved: The Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2021 were approved as a correct record and will be signed at the next opportunity.

Proposed by Cllr Houlbrook, seconded by Cllr Poulton. All agreed.

4. PLAYGROUND.

The Chairman reported on the final list of new play equipment to be installed.

Resolved: that the list be approved.

The Chairman reported on the tendering process to appoint a contractor to carry out the installation and repairs; it is proposed that the Project Manager will use the confirmed list of the play equipment to write a tender document to be provided to the contractors invited to tender (approximately 6 contractors).

Standing Orders indicate that the invitation to tender should be advertised in the press; it is thought that this is out of date and that it will be sufficient to advertise via the usual Parish Council lines of communication.

Resolved: Standing Orders will be reviewed by the full Parish Council to include a possible amendment to the tendering process.

This item will be recommended for approval at the next full Parish Council meeting.

The Chairman and Clerk reported on a recent meeting with a neighbouring resident who has concerns about potential increased noise levels associated with some new items of equipment. A solution for compromise was discussed.

Resolved: the zip wire will be set up for use whereby it travels away from the direction of the neighbour's premises. One of the remaining new pieces of older children's equipment will be situated nearer towards the pavilion.

5. TENNIS COURTS.

It was reported that the planning application has been amended and re-submitted. Information has been received from the LTA regarding the appointment of a tennis coach; the preferred model is where a percentage of takings is applied rather than an hourly rate.

It is proposed that a program for children of 8+ will commence as soon as possible; likely to be in May half term.

Resolved: a meeting will take place with the Chairman, Nicki Harrison of the LTA and the Clerk, to agree the final details of appointing a coach.

6. POND.

It was reported that due to lack of response from various people, no further progress has been made with gathering information as to how to install and manage a wildlife pond.

The Clerk expressed concern regarding the cost and staff burden of ongoing upkeep and maintenance of a large pond, along with the surround, such as fencing.

Resolved: Cllr Poulton will contact a representative of the Countess Country Park. If and when the pond is created, the committee will look to set up a 'friends of' group of volunteers to look after the ongoing maintenance of the pond.

At an appropriate post-COVID time, a volunteer day will be held to clear the existing pond area of debris.

7. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: The date and time of the next meeting will be on 26 April at 6.30pm.