# Minutes of the Pavilion, Recreation Grounds & Cemetery Committee meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 6:00pm.

#### **Present:**

Peter Cox - Chairman (PC) Pat Hall (PH) Mick Cadd (MC)

Alistair Morris (AM) Mick Bates (MB) Alan Spence (AS)

Tim Cann - Clerk

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PRGC 20/06/01 Intentions to record the proceedings of the meeting: NONE.

PRGC 20/06/02 Apologies: NONE.

PRGC 20/06/03 Public Participation: NONE.

PRGC 20/06/04 Minutes of the meeting held on the 25th November 2019: It was **RESOLVED** to accept these minutes.

PRGC 20/06/05 Matters Arising: None.

PRGC 20/06/06 Update on Old Building: The Clerk confirmed that all of the asbestos had been removed from the old building and it had been demolished.

The committee decided a metal cabinet would be better for the electric meter and so **RESOLVED** to recommend Tender Four was accepted at £1,294.00.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to seek further tenders for the resurfacing work.

The Clerk informed the Committee that he had received an additional tender for the timber fencing & Cycle Rack work. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to accept the tender for £2,100.

PRGC 20/06/07 Update on Fencing around play area: The Clerk advised that he had spoken to Mr. Ward, who the Council had **RESOLVED** to do the work, and this should commence mid-July.

PRGC 20/06/08 Headington 5 Road Race: The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend that this be agreed subject to government guidelines in force at that time, however, due to COVID-19 restrictions the Roy Garner Pavilion would not be available.

PRGC 20/06/09 Boults Lane Notices: After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** that:

- The existing "NO DOGS ALLOWED" notices should be replaced with "PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG" signs,
- An additional sign would be added to the Roy Garner Pavilion entrance,
- Two signs would be erected in the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground.

### PRGC 20/06/10 Review of Grass Cutting At:

- Boults Lane Recreation Ground: Current cutting regime okay, excluding edges where hedging and bulbs planted.
- Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground: Current cutting regime okay but excluding hedging and flowering border.
- Orchard Triangle & Adjacent Triangle: This is currently outside of any contract. Some concern about unkempt look, others pleased with the flora and fauna the area is attracting. The Marston Community Garden volunteers cut the pathways through the orchard. The Right of Way needs clearing.
- Victoria Arms Field: MB informed the committee that the field is rarely used as it has no play equipment. The Clerk advised that the field belongs to the Oxford Preservation Trust and who have always been against anything being installed in there. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to continue the current cutting regime.

• Cemetery & Paddock: After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to continue the current cutting regime.

#### PRGC 20/06/11 Boults Lane Barrier:

- Procedure The current procedure is that the barrier is kept shut at all times other than when the allotment shop is open or there is an event at the Scout HQ or Pavilion. The Clerk read out Jane Wilson, Chair of Court Place Farm Allotment Association, email. AM also expressed his concerns. The Committee dismissed various options of an automatic opening barrier due to cost. After some discussion it was RESOLVED the barrier procedure should remain. However, the Clerk would write to the Allotment Association encouraging those individuals who are concerned about contamination to use gloves and hand sanitisers.
- Replacement Barrier It was **REOLVED** to accept the tender to replace the old barrier with a similar design for £1,500.

PRGC 20/06/12 Cemetery: The Clerk informed the committee that Option One was to investigate whether double depth burials were possible. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** to reject this option. Option Two was to have a survey done to determine the viability of using some of the land in the paddock as a cemetery extension. The Clerk advised that this would be necessary for planning if the Council wished to continue this project. The Committee **RESOLVED** to accept Option Two. It was **RESOLVED** to reject the additional option of installing groundwater monitoring wells.

## PRGC 20/06/13 Information Sharing:

• The chairman thanked MB for the work he had done on the play equipment in the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground which had been highlighted in the RoSPA report.

PRGC 20/06/14 Anything of an urgent nature coming the Clerk's attention since the agenda was set:

- Boults Lane Hedge & Wildflower area being mowed: It was agreed this was an unfortunate error. AS offered apologies which were accepted. After some discussion it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk tries buying new hedge trees, wildflower seeds and topsoil asap. It was **RESOLVED** to donate £100 to the Marston Community Garden Group in compensation for all the material and hard work they had put into the project.
- It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would check if the railing at the entrance of the Mortimer Hall Recreation Ground (which was damaged by the car) was needed. If so, MB would investigate repairing or cost replacing.

PRGC 20/06/15 Date of Next Meeting: 21st September 2020.

Meeting closed: 7:25pm