**MINUTES of the RECREATION GROUND IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**held on Thursday **1st April** **2021** at 7.30pm. Remote meeting via MS Teams.**

**Present:** Cllrs Matt Harris (Council Chairman), Jenny Jefferies, Chris Rawlings, Justine Randall, Jon Jackson. Clair Wilkinson as Clerk.

**21/01 Apologies given:** None. **Non-attendance without apologies**: Cllr Keith Bates.

**21/02 Public recess.** No public

**21/03. Elect Chairman for the current meeting.**

**Cllr Jefferies proposed that Cllr Randall act as Chairman for the meeting**. There were no other nominations.

**Cllr Jackson seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.**

****21/04 Declarations of interests & vote on any dispensations applied for.** Cllr Jefferies is a Ward Cllr on the SBC Planning Committee**

Cllr Rawlings joined the meeting at 19.10

**21/05 Approve Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Committee.**

Cllrs had reviewed the TOR prior to the meeting.

Cllr Harris joined the meeting at 19.15.

**Cllr Jefferies proposed that the TOR be approved. Cllr Harris seconded and all Cllrs were in favour.**

**21/06 General discussion and first steps for first formal meeting.**

Points raised:

* A new hall is needed but where would it go? Current location is out of the way.
* Would the other end of the Rec field be better? Parking and vehicle access is then an issue
* Extra funds are needed. Wootton Bassett raised funds from local businesses supporting them
* Perhaps there is land in the area that could be donated for use
* The Cllrs present would be happy to ask local businesses to help with sponsoring and fundraising
* The Clerk is to send Cllrs the informal FB poll on what residents wanted to see in the area
* There is £55,000 in allocated reserves at the moment with extra funds being added from the 2021/22 budget
* Planning permission will be required.
* The council has access to grant finder, who will source grants for the PC for a 10% fee if successful.
* If a trust is set up then Gov funding can be applied for
* Will need to invite field/building users such as Football and Tennis to later meetings
* Remembering that the Tennis Club will still need access to a clubhouse building
* An adjacent field was offered many years ago to the PC who turned it down due to poor drainage.
* Open a new dialogue with the landowners to see if land can be used for access or a new building subject to current leases in place

**Next Steps approved as:**

* Discuss the results of the FB poll
* Discuss a new FB survey – including a new location and other new relevant points. Can also create a Survey Monkey on-line poll
* Make sure Tennis Club provision is included in talks
* Include discussion about the pavilion
* Talk about Tennis and Football leases. The Clerk is to add lease details to MS Teams
* The removal of the existing building – what is involved
* Ensuring local skilled people can be aware of the project to be able to assist

**21/07. Dates and frequency of meetings**

The committee will meet monthly starting Tuesday 4th May at 7.00pm.

**21/08. Items for formal May agenda**

As per next steps above.

**21/09 Other items for next agenda.**

None

Meeting closed 19.45

****Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th May 7.00pm via MS Teams.**** See agenda for login details.

*All Actions to be completed by the next Full Committee meeting unless otherwise agreed.*

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| *Clerk* | ***20/06***  ***20/07***  ***20/07*** | ***Provide Cllrs with the results of the informal FB poll on what activities/uses to have at the Rec field***  ***Invite Tennis Club to appropriate meeting as directed by Committee***  ***Add items for discussion to May meeting agenda.*** |