

**MINUTES** of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting held 25 June 2019 at Euxton PC Community Centre, Euxton.

Present: Cllrs      K Reed                      H Tune (Chairman)  
                                 V Thornhill                      M Wilmot

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1. Election of Committee Chairman

**Resolved:** Cllr Tune was elected to be Chair.

2. Election of Committee Vice Chairman

**Resolved:** Cllr V Thornhill was elected to be Vice Chair.

3. Apologies Cllrs P Fellows, S Walker

4. Minutes of the last meeting

**Resolved:** Leisure Committee minutes of 21 November 2018, were agreed to be accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Public Participation – none present.

5. Skate park lighting update and quotations to decide upon

Members discussed the process of the quotations and that 7 suppliers were invited, only three engaged but only 2 quotations had been received since engaging in February.

**Resolved:** Members agreed efforts had been made to have three quotations but accepted only two were available. Members agreed on the quotation from Surfamelux for £11,639.

6. Greenside all-weather play area update and tasks to follow up

Planning permission was approved. As the plans for this project have grown since its first inception the indicative figures for this now larger project are over the £25K mark and need to go out to Tender. This will need to have a specification to send to suppliers with some information regarding the users and some of things Council would like to see in the tender designs. It is hoped to get some pictures for the September newsletter.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to go to a tender exercise for this project.

7. Greenside site update

Members discussed a request from a resident to explain why there is lighting on the pavilion building. Members discussed the amenity lighting, of which there is one light on each end of the pavilion. The one on the western side does not offer any benefits but the eastern side does.

The Clerk updated on the new frontage bars to replace the bricks which had been damaged and were loose.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to have the western light disconnected.

8. Primrose Hill play area update and recommended purchases

Members discussed the report and its suggestions for replacement items due to wear and tear and the opportunity to put in new items whilst this work was being done.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to suspend Financial Regulation 11.1j for the additional items to be done whilst the contractors are on site with the repair and replacement items, this is because the one new item is over £5,000 and three quotes were not obtained as the principle of the works had not been through the committee yet. A quotation had been obtained for all the repair and replacement works and one item of new equipment whilst they are on site.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to replace a swing set, repair the springy item and buy a new item of equipment called a cone, whilst contractors are on site for the repair works, at a cost of £12,580.

9. Request to consider other areas in Euxton which are owned/managed by Chorley Council

Members discussed Milestone Meadow play area in particular but also The Cherries and Badgers Walk play areas. The play areas are thought by residents to be the parish council's responsibility, probably because the others are. Residents are critical of Milestone and there are a number of problems with its quality and it being under-utilised.

**Resolved:** The Leisure Committee agreed to recommend to Full Council to consider putting an offer to CBC to adopt the Milestone Meadow Play Area for its future safekeeping, upgrading and ongoing maintenance.

EPC proposes the offer to CBC should be that EPC will invest monies in to the play area, following consultation on what residents would like to have, that the s106 collected to date and due (£21K + £9K) be gifted to EPC (£30K in total) and EPC will invest a total of between £60-75K in to the refurbishment of Milestone Meadow.

The Cherries and Badgers play areas will be discussed on a future agenda.

10. Millennium Green update on pond and recommended works

Members were updated on the planting, outstanding works, trees and wildflower meadow.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to order two new picnic benches for the green.

11. Millennium Green suggested health walk ideas for consideration

Members viewed an idea put forward to provide an information board aimed at physical exercise, showing how long routes are or recommended routes around the green to achieve distance goals.

**Resolved:** Members agreed for this work to be drawn up and costed for them to view for approval.

12. Balshaw Lane perimeter fence

Members discussed the fence along Balshaw Lane, its state of disrepair and possible options for replacement and the costs.

**Resolved:** Members agreed to replace the whole length with 1.8m mesh green fencing at a quoted price of £3,650.

13. Other items for this Committee to take forward in the future

Balshaw Villa site was discussed and the need to have the gate re-set which has been hung incorrectly.

The new Orchard Site at the bottom of Highways Avenue has nearly been completed, just missing the seating. Because of the time of year we can't go out to start a community growing scheme so rather than the beds laying empty, it is suggested to buy 2 fruit trees and some box hedging and some bedding plants to fill the beds.

Princessway land was updated on. Chorley Council are still in discussions with residents and there is no movement as the cost to divert or culvert the drain is well over £180K which CBC believe they should not be paying.

The Chairman declared the meeting over.