

Minutes of the Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting

Held on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.00pm at The Old School, Castleway, Willington.

Present: Cllrs. C. Mead (Chair), M. Bartram, J. Houghton, D. Roscoe and A. Davenport.
B Davies.

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

271123RAC/1 Apologies for Absence

None.

271123RAC/2 Variation of Order of Business.

None.

271123RAC/3 Declaration of Members' Interests

None.

271123RAC/4 Public speaking

None.

271123RAC/5 To consider a resolution to close the meeting from public participation under the Public Bodies (admission to meetings) Act 1960.

Not required.

271123RAC/6 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the RAC Meeting held on 23rd January 2023 were agreed as a true record.

271123RAC/7 Play Area Inspections

Issues identified in Hall Lane play inspection reports:

Swings: Worn chain links and bushes have been replaced under the routine maintenance agreement that we have.

Cross rider: Noisy bearings have been referred to the company who installed the equipment for repair under warranty.

Springy elephant: AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL that this should be repaired at a cost of £185

AGREED that Clerk to contact play area inspector and request that a couple of members of the RAC be present for the next inspection such that they could better understand the inspection process and the severity ratings that were assigned to any issues found.

A. Davenport reported that the resistance on the gym equipment was very low, could this be looked at by the company who installed the equipment. Clerk to investigate.

Request from resident to look at revamping the Trent Avenue play area was discussed. Current estimate for replacement equipment would be in the range of £15-25K which is too expensive for the Council at the moment. Suggestions to be sought for potential new equipment which could then be budgeted for with e.g. future S106 monies. Clerk to respond to resident asking for their ideas.

271123RAC/8 Newsletter

Next newsletter is due for distribution 15th January 2024. Any additional articles for publication needed by 7th January 2024 at the latest – preferably before Xmas.

271123RAC/9 Memorial bench locations

Three locations for benches on Twyford Road Playing Field were **AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** (see below). **AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL** that additional locations would be identified once building work for the Pavillion was complete. Was suggested that grass protection matting be installed under benches to protect surfaces.



M Bartram suggested that provision of a walking/running track around the Playing Field was investigated. To be discussed at a future meeting once building work for the Pavillion had commenced.

271123RAC/10 Matters for the next meeting and potential date

Matters to be as above.

AGREED that next meeting would be held on 5th February 2024 and that following meetings would be held bi-monthly.

271123RAC/11 Meeting close

Meeting closed at 7.50PM.