

**Report from the St Mary Bourne Recreation Ground Committee Meeting
Held on Monday 23 September 2019 at 8:15pm in the Club Room, Village Centre**

Those present: The chair Cllr Dave Peart and Cllrs Bridget Culley, Tony Grunsell, Oliver Madge and Gwen Randall.

1. Introduction by the Chair

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Kevin Fullerton

3. Declaration of interests: None

4. Play areas

4.1. Consider maintenance work required

Resolved: It was agreed to ask Vitaplay to carry out repairs to the multiplay and to wash the play equipment in the Spring.

4.2. Consider budget requirements in 2020-2021

Resolved: Nothing extra identified.

5. Recreation Ground

5.1. Review & approve policies

Resolved: There was a discussion around charging for use of the Recreation Ground for commercial purposes. It was agreed that a policy is required setting out the pricing policy. It was also agreed that a policy should be published setting out that the MUGA can only be available for parking in exceptional circumstances and then only during school hours. The clerk was instructed to draft policies.

5.2. Review grounds maintenance contract

Resolved: The chair noted that the new contractor is carrying out the work to a good standard.

5.3. Consider plan for tree work

Resolved: The chair noted that a tree survey was undertaken in the Spring which will inform the tree work for the next few years. It was agreed initially to fell the Horse Chestnut at the end of the Recreation Ground which has been identified as being in poor condition and remove the ivy from the trees identified so that they can be resurveyed. The clerk was instructed to apply for a Tree Notice for the Horse Chestnut and instruct a tree surgeon to remove the ivy.

5.4. Consider budget requirements in 2020-2021

Resolved: It was agreed that the tree work budget should be doubled to reflect the work required in the survey. Cllr Madge noted that the fence between the car park and the Village Centre is in poor condition. It was discussed whether the fence could be replaced

with barriers interspersed with gaps to improve access or whether it was required at all. The clerk was instructed to liaise with the Village Centre to determine who owns the fence.

5.5. Consider proposal for fixed cricket club net

Resolved: The clerk set out the cricket club's proposals for a fixed net in the South Western corner of the Recreation Ground. There were no objections to the proposals.

6. Pavilion

6.1. Review & approve policies

Resolved: No policies are identified as being required at present.

6.2. Consider alterations to provide for a women's changing room

Resolved: The clerk set out the cricket club's request for alterations to the pavilion to provide for a small women's changing room. It was agreed that it is a good idea and the clerk was instructed to get quotes and investigate grant funding. The chair noted that we should begin to look at replacing the pavilion in the next financial year.

6.3. Consider budget requirements in 2020-2021

Resolved: Include costs associated with planning for a new pavilion.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Jo Exelby
Clerk, St. Mary Bourne Parish Council
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