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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee which took place on Thursday 16 June 2022 at 8.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Lade Barker, Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Jane Gould, Cllr Richard Hitchcock and Cllr Nigel Ricketts.

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Parish Council.

The meeting started at 8.12pm and was chaired by Cllr Ricketts. No members of the public were present.

1. Election of the Chair of the committee: Cllr Ricketts was proposed by Cllr Hitchcock and seconded by Cllr Briscoe. A vote was carried out and all were in favour. Cllr Ricketts was **ELECTED** as Chair.

2. Apologies for absence: There were no apologies.

3. Election of the Vice-Chair of the committee: Cllr Hitchcock was proposed by Cllr Briscoe and seconded by Cllr Gould. A vote was carried out and all were in favour. Cllr Hitchcock was **ELECTED** as Vice-Chair.

4. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda: There were no declarations.

5. Minutes of the meeting on 24 March 2022: Members **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the minutes as a true record and they were signed as such by the Chair.

6. Issues and updates from the minutes of 24 March 2022: It was **NOTED** that at the meeting in March 2021, members had **AGREED** to a strip of grass being left around the edge of the recreation ground at Monk's Hill. Cllr Ricketts **AGREED** to contact Longmeadows about this to ensure that the strip of grass was not cut except once a year in the autumn to encourage wildflowers and insects.

7. Monk's Hill recreation ground charity: Westbourne Parish Allotment for Exercise and Recreation (Charity Commission number 265105):

- The latest Kompan inspections were not available as the inspection had not yet been carried out. It was due to take place in July and there were no further actions from the last inspection report in January 2022. It was **NOTED** that the top bar on the wooden Sovereign press and pull up equipment had come away, and the Clerk **AGREED** to contact Sovereign about this to get it repaired. It was **NOTED** that there had been some anti-social behaviour happening in the copse at the bottom of the recreation ground. Cllr Ricketts said that the area had

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recently been filled with cuttings to prevent people from going down there, which also provided shelter for wildlife.

- Members discussed that a Perspex board should be placed over the top of the interpretation board to protect the surface from vandalism. The Clerk **AGREED** to contact the company that created it to see if a Perspex top could be made and fitted.

8. Mill Road recreation ground:

- It was **NOTED** that the next inspection would take place in July and there were no further updates since the last inspection in January 22.
- It was **NOTED** that Westbourne Community Trust's proposed development of affordable housing at Mill Road seemed to be progressing.

9. Announcements and items for the next meeting: There were no announcements.

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday 17 November 2022 at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9pm.