

Minutes



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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee which took place on Thursday 25 January 2024 at 7.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Kim Franks and Cllr Nigel Ricketts.

In attendance: Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Parish Council

Meeting chaired by Cllr Ricketts. One member of the public and no members of the press were present.

11. Apologies for absence: Cllr Neil Attewell, Cllr Jane Gould and Cllr Richard Hitchcock.

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

13. Minutes of the meeting on 15 June 2023: Members **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the minutes as a true record and they were signed as such by the Chairman of the Committee.

14. Issues and updates from the minutes of 15 June 2023: There were no updates.

*On permission of the Chairman, and with agreement by all members, it was **AGREED** to discuss agenda item 6, Mill Road recreation ground, as the next item.*

15. Mill Road recreation ground: Members considered the latest Kompan inspection report and **NOTED** the findings for each item of play equipment. Members also discussed the possible imminent start of the Westbourne Community Trust's works at the site which would see the possible closure of the recreation ground. Members **AGREED** that repairing equipment at this stage would be wasteful in the longer-term given that most of it would be removed. The following was discussed:

- **Signs, seating area, toadstools, bench, play panel, spring see-saw, swings, multi-play areas, swing barrier, cantilever swing, see saw, fitness equipment, gates and fencing, picnic bench:** No further action as items were low risk and would be removed with the WCT project. Some could be retained for either the new scheme or Monk's Hill.
- **Litter bin:** No further action as the bin would be moved with the WCT project. The Clerk was to inform CDC not to service the bin in 2024/25 if the recreation ground was temporarily closed.
- **Skate park:** Members had inspected the site and considered the Kompan report to be over cautious. They did not agree that the timber had rotted to an extent that it posed a serious risk. It was therefore **AGREED** to take no further action at this time, given the WCT project could be starting soon.

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- **MUGA:** Members **AGREED** that some areas had rusted and need to be repaired but to take no further action if the WCT project started in the short-term.

As there was still no guarantee that the WCT project would start, it was discussed that these decisions would be kept under review.

It was discussed that a new lease agreement would be needed with the WCT once the new playground was ready. The Clerk said she would inform the insurance company of the change of ownership of the land and inform them of the WCT's work once it was underway.

16. Monk's Hill recreation ground charity: Westbourne Parish Allotment for Exercise and Recreation (Charity Commission number 265105): Members consider the latest Kompan inspection report. It was **AGREED**:

- To ask Longmeadows to repaint the areas that needed attention on the multi-play unit, chest press, handle boat, tai chi wheels, cross trainer and pull-down challenger, along with securing the bars on the step-up station and fit point. To also ask them to secure the bench and repair the gate.
- Nigel said he would paint the two swing frames and replace the worn bushes and seats.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk should look find quotes from other playground inspection companies when the Kompan contract expired in March.

17. Village event: Members expressed an interest in holding an event at Monk's Hill recreation ground in the early summer but they all agreed that they did not have capacity to lead on organising the event. Cllr Franks said she would contact Westbourne Weekend to find out if they were interested in supporting the event and the Clerk said she would contact a resident who lived on Monk's Hill to see if they were interested in helping.

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

19. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee was scheduled to be held on Thursday 21 March 2024 at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.35pm.