

Minutes



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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee which took place on Thursday 15 November at 8.00pm at The Meeting Place, North Street, Westbourne.

Present: Cllr Roy Briscoe, Cllr Richard Hitchcock, Cllr Val Owen, Cllr Nigel Ricketts, and Clare Kennett, Clerk to the Parish Council

Meeting chaired by Cllr Ricketts. No members of the public were present.

1. Apologies for absence: None.

2. Declarations of interest in the items on the agenda: None.

3. Minutes of the meeting on 5 July 2018: Members agreed the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were signed as such by the Chair.

4. Issues and updates from the minutes of 5 July 2018: Item 9: The Clerk informed members that the insurance claim for the damaged height barriers at Mill Road is still ongoing.

5. Issues and updates from inspections of the two recreation grounds: The Clerk informed members that the playground inspector has identified that the climbing ropes at one of the pieces of play equipment at Mill Road playground are in a poor state of repair and need to be replaced.

6. Matters relating to Monk's Hill play area and Village Green: Cllr Ricketts provided a report which is included in Appendix 1 which Members discussed. Cllr Ricketts agreed to find prices for these ideas so that they can be progressed in due course.

7. Matters relating to Mill Road recreation facility and playing field: See above.

8. Announcements and items for the next meeting: None.

9. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday 28 March 2019 at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

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Appendix 1:

Recreation Leisure and Amenities objectives, future plans, and Ideas going forward into 2019 and beyond.

2017 into 2018 has seen significant progress on planned projects, where the Parish Council has delivered excellent improved facilities at our Monks Hill recreation ground.

It has been fantastic seeing the families gather at the Village Green and enjoy all that we have provided, and to see those children's happy smiling faces, is a joy to behold. Seeing the picnic benches in full use and families enjoying the fabulous summer of 2018 can only encourage us to provide more. I want people to think of our Parish as a place to spend time and hopefully money in our shops and businesses. The more we provide, the more they'll come.

Welcoming Tim Peake to open the new Playground was a joyous occasion and a celebration of all he has achieved.

With Tim unveiling both the plaque, the tree and cutting the ribbon to the Playground it provided the many hundreds that attended a chance to meet their Tim, the event was a testament to him, and what we had installed was very much in the children's focus, and they couldn't wait to give it a go.

With all this in mind I have listed my visions and ideas below, in no particular order at Monks Hill:

- 1) To provide more picnic tables and park benches.
- 2) Find a company that can provide a visual display that identifies all locations that are in the vista which will provide information, such as distance, names of hills etc.
- 3) To plant additional trees.
- 4) Incorporate a circuit exercise system around the perimeter of Monks Hill Village Green, using the monkey bars that will be removed, balance beams, hurdle's, arm shuffle bars etc.
- 5) Replace old monkey bars (wooden supports are rotting at base) with new play equipment (grant money/106)
- 6) Re-install goal posts in the main field area at Monks Hill.
- 7) Install a netball area.

Mill Road

- 1) Re-commission the Tyre Swing.
- 2) Repair Skate Board Park
- 3) Get all phone no's on both notice boards updated.
- 4) Replace notice board ripped off by vandals.
- 5) Complete the painting that was started.

Other goals

- 1) Look at Coach trips for the wider Community/Parish, i.e. Bournemouth, London, Wisley Gardens, Hampton Court? Partly funded by the Parish.
- 2) Arranging Christmas meals for the elderly and those on their own.
- 3) Organise a photograph competition. This is to produce a Seasonal Calendar every year using the very best photos from those submitted. These will then be included in Westbournes very own Calendar to sell, proceeds after costs to go into providing the above mentioned.

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The photos submitted are to cover the seasons through the year and must be local scenes.

With prizes for the top three, all photographs will be judged by a panel.