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Minutes of Westbourne Parish Council's Recreation Leisure and Amenities Committee which took place on Thursday 28 March 2019 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 15 November 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 15 November 2018:

Item 4: The Clerk confirmed that money from the insurance claim has been received, and that a company is working on behalf of Zurich to investigate the incident which may lead to the Council getting a reimbursement of the £100 insurance excess it paid.

Item 5: Cllr Ricketts has removed any sharp pieces from stainless steel wire where the rope has rubbed off from use on one of the pieces of play equipment at Mill Road and covered the sections with gaffer tape. This has brought it into a good state of repair. Members agreed that the Council will continue to keep an eye on this item through its regular playground inspections to make sure that it continues to remain in a safe condition.

5. Issues and updates from inspections of the two recreation grounds: The inspection reports from Zurich, which were received in March 2019, did not identify any issues that need addressing. The inspections from the playground inspector are all satisfactory and have not identified any new issues that the Council needs to address.

6. Purchase of new play equipment for Monk's Hill play area using S106 sport and leisure funding from Chichester District Council: Cllr Ricketts recommended buying a Rota Bounce from Playdale and a protective ground surface for the playground at Monk's Hill using the £7,736.43 of S106 funding from CDC which is set aside specifically for sport and leisure purposes. This is to replace the wooden monkey bar which is rotting at the base. Cllr Hitchcock asked if sufficient community consultation had been carried out, along with the suitability of the proposed equipment for the play area. Members agreed to also look at other options for play equipment to help achieve the most value for money and possibly some of the other plans for Monk's

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Hill. These are goal posts, more picnic benches and an exercise circuit around the perimeter.

7. To discuss future plans for Mill Road and Monk's Hill recreation grounds and play areas: Members discussed that the Council could apply for New Homes Bonus funding from CDC to go towards plans at Monk's Hill recreation ground, as outlined in Appendix 1.

8. Recreation ground licences: Members agreed that legal advice is required to determine in Council should issue licences for community groups and organisations who want to use recreation grounds. At the very least, the Council should be checking if the relevant organisation has public liability insurance in place. The Clerk to look into this further.

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

10. Date of next meeting: The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday 27 June 2019 at 8.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

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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.

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.