

Minutes of the Sports Committee meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024, in Suite 2, Taverham Village Hall, commencing at 8.15pm when there were present:

Mrs J Latchford in the Chair
Mrs B Clarke Mrs S Parkinson
Mr N Dack Mr T Yousefian
Mr S Matthews

Also present: Clerk

Apologies for absence: Received from Cllr Karimi-Ghovanlou

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda: None

The Minutes of the meetings held on 13 October and 18 December 2023 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report items

- Hinks Meadow Car Park: Since the repairs had been carried out, an area within the gates had sunk. The company who had implemented the repairs had been requested to return to rectify.

The current budget picture was received.

To consider quotes for the electrical and structural testing of the car park lights and flood lights at Hinks Meadow

Three companies had been invited to quote for the testing of the lights at Hinks Meadow. The Council's current contractor had declined to quote, and a previous contractor had not quoted as per requirements. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote in the sum of £750 from Cozens UK.

To consider whether to carry out electrical and structural testing of the tennis court lights

Councillors were reminded that it was best practice to have the lights tested for electrical and structural safety every 5 years. Although the Council intended on reconstructing the courts in their entirety, it was agreed that the lights should be tested as the courts remained in use. It was requested that quotes were obtained (3 if possible) for consideration by a Full Council meeting as the Sports Committee only met quarterly.

To review the financial arrangements with TRF for the maintenance of the BMX track

Following recent issues regarding the land transfer at Beech Avenue with regard to Abel Homes occupying Council-owned land, Councillors were reminded of the arrangement with Taverham Recreational Facilities at the hockey cub and BMX track. The current situation was that the Council budgeted £800 per year to cover the cost of the public liability insurance for the BMX site, the risk assessments, the emptying of the Fido bin immediately outside the BMX track, and the remainder of the sum was a contribution to help with keyholder costs. TRF did not currently pay any rent to the Council for the lease of the land. Councillors were concerned that the Parish Council was paying for the insurance and the risk assessments but had little control over the maintenance of the facility. It was requested that Cllrs Latchford and Matthews met with representatives of TRF before the AGM to discuss the Council removing financial support from TRF as the organisation was now well established. Councillors commented that it was now their intention for TRF to be responsible for the insurance, the risk assessment and the keyholding but would continue to pay to empty the fido bin.

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Football Club and Tennis Club reps forum

There were no Club representatives present

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.

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