

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday 24 February 2025, commencing at 7.55pm when there were present:

Cllr B Clarke in the Chair

Cllr N Dack

Cllr S Matthews

Cllr C Karimi-Ghovanlou

Cllr S Parkinson

Cllr J Latchford

Cllr T Yousefian

Also present: Clerk

Apologies for absence None

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None

The Minutes of the meetings held on 23 September and 16 December 2024 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report items

The Clerk advised the meeting that she had called the pest controller for additional visits to Thorpe Marriott Green as there was a large problem with moles.

The current budget picture was received.

To consider quotes for a picnic bench

Councillor Karimi-Ghovanlou had provided quotes for picnic bench/table for installation at Sandy Lane Play Area. Although a little over budget, the Committee resolved to purchase the NBB Recycled Furniture Wheelchair Access Bench in the sum of £588 and requested that it be installed near to the play area not far from the access path.

To consider request to use Sandy Lane Playing Field for a Teddy Bear's Picnic

A request had been received from the Early Help Community Team to hold a teddy bear's picnic at Sandy Lane Playing Field for 2 hours in the summer. The request was granted and the use of the youth room for toilet facilities offered free of charge. The team was to be informed that there were no baby changing facilities in the youth room and that anyone wishing to use the facilities must be accompanied by an event organiser. Councillors requested a copy of a risk assessment for the event and evidence of public liability insurance.

To consider quote for replacement seesaw at Alder Way Play Area

Councillors were advised that the whole of the top of the seesaw was in need of replacement as the internal mechanism had failed. Due to the high cost of the replacement part, it was agreed to remove the seesaw and not to purchase a replacement.

To accept revised quote for bark top up at Thorpe Marriott Green Play Area

The revised quote for 40m³ of bark in the sum of 2495.20 was accepted.

To consider request for permission to metal detect on Thorpe Marriott Green

A parishioner had written to request permission to metal detect on Thorpe Marriott Green. It was agreed that no permission to metal detect on the Green would be granted for the foreseeable future.

The Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

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