

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Monday 27 May 2025, commencing at 7.55pm when there were present:

Cllr B Clarke in the Chair
Cllr C Karimi-Ghovanlou Cllr T Yousefian
Cllr S Matthews

Also present: Assistant Clerk

Apologies for absence received from Cllr S Parkinson

Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

None

The Minutes of the meetings held on 24 February 2025 were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

Report items

The picnic bench paid for by District Councillor Karimi-Ghovanlou's member's grant had been installed.

An order had been placed with Kompan to carry out a risk inspection on the zipwire at Sandy Lane at a cost of £312.

A team of graffiti artists had recently re-painted part of the external wall of the skatepark. A meeting had been held with a representative of Wicksteed to obtain a ballpark figure for removing the bark at TMG play area, and for replacing with wet pour. This information would be needed to help the Council to eventually agree a budget for the new play area and to consider sources of funding. Councillors were advised that they should expect to pay in excess of £100,000. The consultation had begun. Posters inviting responses to a questionnaire via a QR code or through the Parish Council website had been displayed at the Parish Council's play areas, on noticeboards and in the library. The consultation had also been advertised on the Council's Facebook page, on the local Facebook Community pages and on Taverham Parish Council's website. An advert had been placed in the May edition of the Just Taverham and Drayton Magazine. Hard copies would also be available at Taverham Fayre.

The wet pour at the Hinks Meadow play area had started to lift in one corner and along some of the edges. It was noted that there were other areas of wear, exacerbated perhaps by youngsters wearing football boots while playing on the equipment. A sign stating "No football boots" had been purchased. The safety surfacing had been installed 8 years ago and had come with a 5 year warranty. The Clerk was exploring options available for repairs but Councillors should be prepared that the whole surface may need to be replaced.

The current budget picture was received.

To consider location(s) for additional benches on recreation land

District Councillor Yousefian had given his members grant (£1000) to the Parish Council to purchase a bench. The Committee **resolved** to purchase 2 Marmax Sloper Seat benches at a cost of £401 per bench, both to be located on Thorpe Marriott Green, one near Isbets Dale facing onto the green and the other close to the permissive path to the new Marriotts Park Development.

The Committee had already accepted an offer from a resident to pay for another Marmax bench, the Committee resolved for this to be located on Sandy Lane Playing Field, on the opposite side of the gate to the existing bench, facing into the play area.

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To agree a date for the Annual Risk Assessment tour

Councillors agreed the date of 20 June 2025 to carry out the Risk Assessment, time to be agreed with Clerk.

To receive the zip wire risk inspection report and to note any recommendations

Councillors had been sent the inspection in advance of the Meeting and felt that it was a thorough and good report.

The Meeting closed at 8.11pm.

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