

Shirebrook

Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Committee** of **Shirebrook Town Council** having been held at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday** the **4th** of **September 2024** at **Shirebrook Town Hall, 209 Station Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8AF.**

PRESENT Cllr. S Cheeseman Cllr. V Kirby present
Cllr. C Dale – ARRIVED AT 19:13 Cllr. N Smith present
Cllr. P Harford – COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN Cllr. M Stockdale present

Mrs J Jeffery - TOWN CLERK & RFO

IN ATTENDANCE: Member/s of Public (5)
Mrs T Baxter – GENERAL MANAGER
Mrs Keeley Jewsbury – KJ COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS / DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF BLAST.

L/24/017 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS FOR THOSE ABSENCES.

Apologies had been received or tendered on behalf of the following;

Cllr. P. Chapman
Cllr. T. Chapman
Cllr. C. Kane

Cllr. Fritchley – Non-Member of Committee apologies submitted

Miss S Stevenson – MINUTE CLERK

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence be accepted and approved.

L/24/018 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

L/24/021 b – PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND

Cllr. V Kirby

Councillors withdrew from the meeting at the appropriate points and returned after the relative conversations had concluded.

Where appropriate Councillors remained in the meeting but took no part in the relevant discussions.

L/24/019 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HAVING BEEN HELD ON THE 26TH OF JUNE 2024.

Cllr. Harford provided an update on actions since the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

L/24/020 TO REVIEW AND NOTE THE CONTENTS OF THE LEISURE MANAGER'S REPORT.

The General Manager presented her report which included the latest income figures, showing an improved figure from the same period in the previous year.

She went on to give an overview of events that had been held during the summer including the successful day trips that had been fully booked.

Information on the upcoming fireworks event were shared and she reported again that Pickleball was continuing to be popular.

She further reported that the Holiday Activity and Food programme funding had supported the delivery of activities through the summer holidays and was well attended.

She also updated Members on the ongoing ASB issues that staff were facing around the fishing pond, tree works required on the Town Park and various maintenance requirements.

Further discussion ensued relating to fencing on the site.

a. TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ACTION RELATING MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS.

RESOLVED: That maintenance and repairs be conducted in house where possible and contractors be sourced for the specialist repairs required.

b. TO DISCUSS AND DECIDE ACTION IN RELATION TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AT FISHPOND.

RESOLVED: That ASB continue to be reported and the possibility of working with a volunteer ranger be investigated.

L/24/021 TO REVIEW AND DECIDE ACTION ON MATTERS RAISED BY COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Cllr. Nicola Smith presented her proposed project of creating a Pump Track on the Town Park site. Children had made the request to her, and she had conducted investigations with providers.

She confirmed that the project would not be at a cost to the Town Council other than the £300 assessment fees from the specialist company.

RESOLVED: That the £300 assessment fee be authorised from the Leisure budget.

a. UPDATE REGARDING LEISURE CENTRE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT.

Following a general update, Cllr. Cheeseman went on to raise the previous consultation that had been conducted in relation to a swimming pool. It was confirmed by other Members that the consultation was just an initial scope of public thoughts on the development of the whole site and that further, more robust consultation would be required for any sort of large-scale funding application.

He went on to state that he and Cllr. D Smith had decided to investigate the feasibility of a hydrotherapy pool in place of the swimming pool due to reported costs of a swimming pool. It was again confirmed by other Members present that it had been a swimming pool that the public had been previously consulted on, not a hydrotherapy pool and evidence had still not been provided to the Committee Chairman in relation to the potential income/expenditure of a hydrotherapy pool. The inclusion of a swimming pool in the phased plan of the site remained as agreed in the Full Council meeting held on the 13th of December 2023.

b. PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND**i. CHANGE OF GOAL POSTS FROM SQUARE TO ROUND TO MEET FA RULES.**

Cllr. Harford reported that the Football Club hiring the site had applied for funding from the Football Association to replace the goal posts to meet their current standards. A small contribution would be required from the Town Council for the match funding element.

ii. CONDITION OF PAVILION AND FENCING.

Cllr. Harford reported that some maintenance works had been carried out to the fencing and that the pavilion may require some maintenance.

c. WARREN TERRACE RECREATION GROUND

i. REQUEST FROM USER TO SITE TWO NEW BENCHES AROUND THE FOOTBALL PITCH.

Cllr. Harford updated Members that he had visited the site with the Operations Supervisor and maintenance works had been discussed with him for action. He was also looking into the potential for funding a new pavilion.

He had discussed with one of the users that costs would be sought for new benches for the site.

ii. REQUEST FROM USER TO PLACE SPONSOR BANNERS DURING MATCHES.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted for the temporary placement of sponsor banners during matches only.

d. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE.

i. TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM MRS KEELEY JEWSBURY – KJ COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS / DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF BLAST.

Mrs Keeley Jewsbury introduced herself to the meeting and gave an overview of her experience of working with the Community.

She went on to discuss with Members the purpose, process and benefits of creating a Community Engagement Company to work on improvements to the facilities in the Town.

The group would be a collaborative effort between all interested parties to make strong bids for funding for facilities that the Community want. There would be an application process to become part of the group, and she would be happy to guide and assist the formation of the group whilst ever it remained a positive forum for all parties and would not be involved in any negativity.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk commence the process of creating the required documentation, supported by Mrs Keeley Jewsbury.

L/24/022 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE CHRISTMAS LIGHTING SCHEME QUOTATION.

RESOLVED: That the current contractor be approved as the provider for the lighting scheme this year.

L/24/023 TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE QUOTATIONS FOR REUPHOLSTERING OF SEATING.

The Clerk was requested to look into the option of moving chairs from another venue prior to authorising any repair works.

L/24/024 TO CONSIDER RESPONSES AS NECESSARY TO LISTED CORRESPONDENCE.

No correspondence relevant to the Committee had been received

L/24/025 TO APPROVE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE LEISURE COMMITTEE.

The date for the next Meeting of the Leisure Committee of Shirebrook Town Council is set as the 6th of November 2024, in accordance with the approved meeting schedule.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 20:49HRS

SIGNED: _____ **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

DATE: _____