

# KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Wednesday 27 July 2020 in Knebworth Village Hall at 8.00 p.m.

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Present: Councillors Colin Stringer (Chairman) Rosemary Conybeare, Charlotte Cosson, Jenny Harrison, Steve Hemingway and Roger Willcocks

In Attendance: The Clerk

## 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Farr

## 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

## 3. Minutes

Proposed by Mrs Harrison, seconded by Mrs Cosson and

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee Meeting held on 29 January 2020 be approved and signed.

## 4. Financial Review

The quarterly accounts to 30 June 2020 were reviewed and approved.

## 5. Village Hall

Proposed by Mr Willcocks, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** to approve the addition to the standard hall hire conditions of the special terms and conditions related to the Covid crisis.

Proposed by Mrs Conybeare, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** to approve the Covid related risk assessment to reopen the village hall.

Proposed by Mrs Cosson, seconded by Mr Hemingway and

**Resolved:** to reopen the hall on a very limited basis during August, and a wider basis from September.

## 6. Recreation Grounds

Knebworth FC has requested permission for football training for both seniors and youths to commence from 1 August, keeping to FA guidelines. Other Youth football clubs have been training in the recreation grounds without permission, because it is a public space. The clubs have been informed that training out of season is not permitted to allow the grass to recover from the previous season.

The recreation grounds are busier for longer due to the pandemic and there was concern that the whole recreation grounds would be taken over by football training four nights a week.

Proposed by Mrs Conybeare, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** to approve football training to start on 1 August 2020 subject to only half of the recreation grounds being used at any one time.

Proposed by Mr Stringer, seconded by Mr Hemingway and

**Resolved:** to permit Stepping Stone Preschool to secure a banner to the fence until the end of September 2020

## 7. Maintenance

### 7.1 Pavilion

The outdoor toilet has been repaired. Knebworth FC has agreed to repaint the car park markings.

### 7.2 Village Hall

The front lobby of the village hall has been repainted. The fresh air fan has been installed in the kitchen, however the cooker extractor is not working properly. The clerk is to arrange a service.

### 7.3 Play equipment

A local based firm has provided a five year quote to repaint the lines on the MUGA and maintain the area. The committee agreed that it would not proceed with this at present.

### 7.4 Pond

The reed growth in the pond has taken over and the committee agreed that it would hold more volunteer days to try to improve its condition. The three dates were set as the second Wednesday of September, November and January.

## 8. Access Road

The Committee agreed to leave the Watton Road barrier open until the end of August. Its parking usage will be monitored during this time.

The revision to the speed bump was deferred.

## 9. Cycle Racks

NHDC has confirmed that the s106 funding for sustainable travel could be used to fund cycle racks in the village. There is funding for two 20 space two tier cycle racks, similar to those at the railway station, which could be installed at the recreation grounds and village hall. This was deferred to the Parish Council.

## 10. Any Other Business

10.1 A request has been received to run a boot camp in the Recreation Grounds. The Council requires a copy of the public liability insurance and a Covid risk assessment.

10.2 Mr Hemingway asked if CCTV could be discussed at the next meeting.

10.3 The lease of the recreation grounds is to be discussed at the next meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.34pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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