

**MINUTES OF PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING 21st FEBRUARY 2017
IN RUNWELL VILLAGE HALL AT 8.30PM**

IN ATTENDANCE: - Chairman Mr P Clark; Messrs Lansdale, Rogers and Sloane; Mesdames Evans and Payne. Essex Royals Larry McKechnie

Minute 209 Apologies: Phil Hennessey & Emily Young

Minute 210 Declarations of Interest: None

Prior to the meeting PC explained the “Five Year Plan for the Park”. Future Plans including (no order) updating play equipment; installing teenage area; upgrading CCTV; maintenance of football pitches; outdoor Adult Gym equipment; 1.8 acre Nature area & other areas for landscaping & tree planting; maintenance & alternative uses of the pavilion.

Minute 211 Review of Charges

No increase on pay to play. Council to consider LM request to pay a pitch retainer fee for the season.

Minute 212 Outdoor Gym Equipment

PC reported the Big Lottery draft application had been sent for verification prior to the formal submission in sum of £9999.00 for Streetscape (Products & Services) Ltd to supply deliver and install One High Bundle (six items) containing 1 Sit Up board (SD310) 1 Waist & Chest System (SD308) 1 Multi Traction Unit (SD260) 1 Leg & Arm Strengtheners (SD306) 1 Air Strider (SD172) 1 Combi Bike & Stepper (SD304A) Project is anticipated to be installed in July subject to obtaining the funding.

Minute 213 Tree Planting

PC had discussed planting the trees with Runwell Horticultural Assoc. chairman Marianne Smith who agreed they may be able to help with the project. Two tree packs are stored in the pavilion – approximately 60 “whips” to plant with plastic supports for the trees until established. The Guides have expressed an interest in planting to help towards their Blue Peter Environment Badge. Date for work party Sat 11th March at 10.30am. Other groups to invite Essex Royals FC and Runwell Community Primary School.

Minute 214 Pavilion – Future Change of Use

It was agreed that the pavilion is not well used and could be used for other purposes such as: 1. New Village Hall; 2. Nursery/Pre-School; 3. Club House/coffee bar or any combination of the three. Any of the suggestions would require permission from Chelmsford City Council as the freeholders (there is 66 years left on the current lease) It would mean increasing the size of the building to accommodate change but would increase the footfall at the park, make a new community hub and bring a new revenue channel. Funding would be the main challenge. Further thought to be given to these ideas. Clerk/PC to establish whether a change of use would be allowed. The outside area could also be made more attractive with extra benches, tables, bins etc

Minute 215 Entrance Gate

PC confirmed that ballast had been purchased to improve the ground around the entrance gate.

Minute 216 Line-marking machine

The new line marking machine had been ordered from Pitchmark Ltd along with a supply of pitch marking paint, to be delivered next week.

Minute 217 Pitch Maintenance/Football Report

LM reported that three of the teams that used Runwell Park had disbanded but one senior, (U18's?) and two junior teams were still using Runwell Park, the younger age groups within the club now used Barn Hall playing fields and the Club also uses Barleylands, Nevendon Park & Wickford Memorial Park. Training still takes place at Runwell. The vertidrainage last year has helped with the drainage but a full drainage scheme is not financially viable. Vertidrainage by CCC can now take place on a more regular basis. The new line marker is welcomed and will make the lines more visible and will last longer. LM is hopeful that by Jul/Aug he will know how many teams will be playing for the 2017/18 season

Minute 218 Pavilion Maintenance – Replacement doors

PC circulated the quotation for new doors at the pavilion (approx. £5k), shutters are not suitable but metal doors could be installed however if the pavilion is to be extended altered is this cost justified at present. Defer decision until it is known whether change of use is allowed.

Minute 219 1.8acres Nature Area

See Minute 213. The committee also discussed getting the local primary school more involved/visiting the nature area, this is dependent on what the children are studying via their curriculum. Ongoing project.

Minute 220 Questions

JW reported the damaged swings, Clerk to order new chains and seats. Also commented that more seating and/or tables would be an asset.

LM queried the streets the Runwell Roundabout was delivered to.

PC reported that Clearview had revised the quotation for replacing the CCTV cameras and DVR. The amount is still in excess of £5k so further quotations needed.

Meeting closed 9.50pm