

# KINGS WALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

## SPORTS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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### MINUTES OF THE MEETING

held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014 at The Youth Hut, Breachwood Green

**Present:** Cllr Amanda King (chairman), Tim Hughes (Vice-chairman) Cllr Angela Herrmann, Cllr Nic Cooper, Cllr Jon Chamberlin, Margaret Ross, Mrs Babs Squires (NV Member), Mr John Griffin (NV Member)

**In attendance:** the clerk Tom Brindley

#### 50. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: David Barnes, Joe Croft, Cathy Turner. Andrew Laurie Pile (NV Member) had advised he would be late.

#### 51. Chairman's Remarks

Members of the committee were reminded to make any declarations of interest immediately prior to the item, being discussed.

The chairman welcomed Mr John Griffin as a non-voting member representing the Breachwood Green Lions football club.

#### Minutes of meeting on 6<sup>rd</sup> October 2014

The minutes were accepted as a true record and the chairman authorized to sign.

#### 52. Matters arising

- 52.1 (5.1) The cricket club had sought alternative quotes but all were in the same region. They were considering alternative solutions and fund raising. It was noted that the nets would also assist those using the MUGA for football as it would prevent balls being kicked over the fence.
- 52.2 (21.2) Cllr Chamberlin made interim repairs to the fence between the MUGA and the play area.
- 52.3 (22.1) The second banner had been installed and a third had been purchased and would be installed on the tennis court fence.
- 52.4 (33.1) The clerk had asked Mr D McNeilly to quote for PIR activated lights for the passageway between the youth hut and the village hall.

#### 53. Public Participation

None.

#### 54. Co-option of additional members

- 54.1 Mr J Griffin was representing the Breachwood Green Lions football club.

#### 55. Tennis court

- 55.1 Sports Courts Ltd had completed the surface and fencing. The surface was to be allowed to cure for two weeks before the lines were painted and the nets installed.

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- 55.1 Members **RESOLVED** to approve payment of the invoice subject to the completion of lines and nets. An amount would be held back until the surface was painted and the running track carpet installed.
- 55.1 SITA had agreed to release the balance of the funding grant.
- 55.1 The clerk has prepared the VAT reclaim.
- 55.2 Dave Barnes had agreed to take tennis court bookings.

*Andrew Laurie-Pile arrived at 7.50*

### **56. MUGA Maintenance Contract**

- 56.1 The clerk sought and was given approval for the purchase order to Sports Surface Maintenance Ltd.

### **57. Marketing and Operations**

- 57.1 It was noted and members expressed their disappointment that the BWG Lions would not be using the MUGA as the pitch was too narrow. BWG Lions reported that while the pitch was OK for 5 aside they often had seven or more and needed the wider pitch offered by alternative venues.
- 57.2 The MUGA football court was being used on Monday evenings by Dave Barnes and the fee had been received.
- 57.3 It was thought that the Tigers were using the pitch but that no fee had yet been received.

### **58 Disability access**

- 58.1 Cllr Chamberlin had still to obtain a quote for a reinforced grass path. The clerk reported he could not pursue grants until the quote was received, but that County Cllr D Barnard had indicated he would contribute.

### **59 Recreation ground management**

- 59.1 The clerk had received a quote for a replacement basketball hoop and backboard. Members questioned whether this second basketball court was needed as the new court on the MUGA was available. It was **RESOLVED** to hold off purchasing a replacement while a wider consultation took place.
- 59.4 The steel posts erected without permission had been removed.
- 59.5 Members agreed to delay consideration of the ROSPA report until the next meeting.

### **60 Finance**

- 60.1 The clerk had received a forecast from Dave Barnes which showed income would be less than budget as the anticipated Lions booking not forthcoming.
- 60.6 The clerk advised members that it would be prudent to build up a reserve of £10,000 over the next three years to cover repairs and maintenance. As it was unlikely that this could be collected from surplus, an increase in the precept may be required.

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60.7 The clerk explained that this committee could make recommendations to full council but could not itself set a budget or precept. The full council would set the budget and precept in January.

### **61 Matters for future consideration**

Suggestions for inclusion in the 2015/169 budget, to include all activities on the recreation grounds in Breachwood Green and Kings Walden.

**Date of next meeting TBA**

**Signed (Chairman)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/2014