



STOKE GIFFORD

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MINUTES OF THE RECREATION & LEISURE MEETING

Held on Tuesday, 18 October 2022

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE:

In the event of a fire all those present should leave the building calmly, breaking a fire alarm panel on the way out, and assemble on the far side of the car park at the assembly point.

Attendees are reminded to either switch off or make silent their mobile phones.

PRESENT:

Cllrs M Brown [Chair], E Brown, S Bandcroft, A Hyde, and P Reich.

In attendance were C Kenyon [Head Groundsman], J Rendell [Parish Clerk], Councillor Andrew Shore, and two local residents.

1.	Welcome and apologies for absence.	ACTION
2.	To receive notification of any member's personal or prejudicial interest. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Councillor Sue Bandcroft advised she is the Chair of Friends of Forty Acres.▪ Councillor Tony Hyde declared he is Secretary of Stoke Gifford Retirement Village, Residents Association, and ex-officio member of the ExtraCare Charitable Trust.▪ Councillor Ernie Brown declared he is on South Gloucestershire Planning Committee, Stoke Gifford Trust Committee and Avon & Fire Authority.	

3.	<p>To approve the last Recreation & Leisure minutes dated 19th July 2022.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Bandcroft proposed acceptance of the minutes of the last Recreation & Leisure Committee meeting, held on 19th July 2022, seconded by Councillor Ernie Brown, carried.</p>	
4.	<p>PUBLIC SESSION [3-5 MINUTES PER PERSON WITH A MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PER SESSION] – two residents were in attendance.</p> <p>None.</p>	
5.	<p>Update from Head Groundsman.</p> <p>Report below from Head Groundsman (Colin Kenyon).</p> <p>In general, the Parks are in reasonably good condition although the extreme heat towards the end of the summer took its toll on some areas and are still recovering but the lack of rain is making this process a little slower than normal.</p> <p><u>Staff</u></p> <p>We unfortunately lost Ceri Fearnley in early September he moved to Ireland to resume his career in greenkeeping.</p> <p>This is the 3rd member of the grounds team to leave in 9 months and this disruption doesn't help in keeping to the maintenance schedule, we have rarely had full staff since May, also trying to replace staff seems to be getting more difficult.</p> <p><u>Play areas</u></p> <p>Most of the areas are ok with minor defects the play area at the poplar rooms looks like an area for concern most of the area has wooden play equipment and is coming to the end of its lifespan especially the climbing area where some of the main post are rotting and the wooden surround needs replacing.</p> <p><u>Trees</u></p> <p>An ongoing problem for years to come although I think we have to get a plan in place to prioritise the budget we have starting with the possible dangerous areas.</p> <p><u>Machinery</u></p> <p>We have had a couple of major hits this year unfortunately, but hopefully we are through that, and we will be left with just the annual service period to get us ready for next year.</p> <p>The Clerk informed members that 7k has been spent on tree management for the 2022/23 budget allowance of 10k. This will need to be increased for the</p>	

	<p>2023/24 financial year due to the Ash dieback and various other dead trees around the parish.</p> <p>Head Groundsman and Clerk to source a Tree Surgeon and devise a plan prioritizing dead/ dangerous tree.</p> <p>At the September Planning & Transportation committee meeting members agreed to the purchase of a replacement roller mower, at a cost of £19,200 plus a modification for a quoted amount of £460.00. following confusion over the amount for the modification the supplier of the machine has offered to fit the modification free of charge, and SGPC to purchase the modification direct from WESSEX mowers for a cost of £1,100+VAT. Following discussion, the Chair Councillor Mike Brown proposed the above seconded by Councillor Sue Bandcroft, a vote was taken, 4 for, 1 abstention proposal carried.</p>	
6.	<p>Presentation on benefits of installing solar panel system to Community Hall building.</p> <p>Local resident and Chairman of Little Stoke Sports & Social Club Tim Hewer gave a presentation to members on the benefits of installing solar panels to the community building. Tim has managed the installation of a similar system at the sports & social club and confirmed that utility bills have been vastly reduced due to the addition. Tim recommends that SGPC look into a 30kw system solar panels on the roof and install car charging points along the changing room building wall. A supply and install cost of £25k should take 4 years to be paid off. Councillors are interested and keen to look into ways of reducing the bills especially as we approach such a low point within the economy. Following discussion Councillors thanked Tim for his in-depth presentation and agreed to continue looking into the solar panel and batteries install at the community hall.</p>	Clerk/ Chair to monitor rates/ costs. Ongoing.
7.	<p>Discussion on local nature action plan (SGC) and SGPC involvement.</p> <p>Councillor Sue Bandcroft informed members that other parish and towns have provided action plans into SGC and is keen for the parish to devise an action plan too. Councillor Bandcroft realises the time required to create the action plan but is willing to work alongside someone else and share the workload.</p> <p>Members wondered if office admin (Rachel) would have the time to help Sue with the forms and creation of the action plan. Parish Clerk will talk with the member of staff and create some time for this as a mini project to get this up and running.</p>	Sue/ RM
8.	<p>Summer jobs ongoing – play area maintenance undertaken by SGPC.</p> <p>Council operatives continue to carry out in-house maintenance of the play equipment around the parish and lots of work have been achieved throughout this past year. the annual inspection has recently been carried out with no major concerns. Parish Clerk to monitor the timber play equipment at the Trust</p>	Clerk

	<p>grounds as the rot continues to increase causing concern.</p> <p>A local resident asked councillors to consider installing a zip wire play equipment at Meade Park. Parish Clerk will look into obtaining the best location for this item and also costs.</p>	
9.	<p>Any other business relevant to this committee.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Brown wanted to see the works on the corner of the sloped area on Gipsy Patch Lane completed asap. Councillor Andrew Shore informed members the works are scheduled for December.</p>	
10.	<p>Date of next meeting.</p> <p>17th January 2023.</p>	

Meeting closed 16:00

Signed: _____

Date: _____

M Brown (Chair)

On behalf of Stoke Gifford Parish Council