

**Minutes of Histon & Impington Wellbeing, Recreation & Leisure**  
**7:30pm, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**Community Room, Recreation Ground, New Road, Impington**

## Wellbeing, Recreation & Leisure Committee Minutes

Membership: 8 + 2 ex-officio

Appendices: x

Quorum: 3

<b>WRL</b>	<p><b>Present:</b> Cllrs: Joe Uttridge, Louise Wilbraham, Tom McKeown, Neil Davies, Steve Carrington  <b>Ex Officio Members:</b> Cllr Yvonne Murray  <b>Clerk(s):</b> Theresa King  <b>Club Representatives :</b>Mr Andrew Grimmer (Bowls Club), Mr David Rush (Croquet Club), Mrs Jane Fidler (Tennis Club), Mr Steve Campin (Head Groundsman)</p> <p>1 member of the public</p>	
<b>WRL23/045</b> <b>045.1</b>	<p><b>To Receive Apologies for Absence</b></p> <p>Cllrs Hobbs, Stonham, Smith and Allen (personal)</p> <p>Cllr Smith formally advised she is standing down from the Committee with immediate effect, making 1 vacancy.</p>	
<b>WRL23/046</b> <b>046.1</b>	<p><b>MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</b></p> <p>Cllr Davies declared a non pecuniary interest due to his role as Charity Manager of HI Friends  Cllr Carrington declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of Histon Hornets.</p>	
<b>WRL23/047</b> <b>047.1</b>	<p><b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b></p> <p>One member of the public was present. Member of public attended regarding item 051.2.</p>	
<b>WRL23/048</b> <b>048.1</b>	<p><b>To Approve Minutes of Meetings Held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (Appx 1)</b></p> <p>Proposed Cllr Wilbraham, seconded Cllr Uttridge, <b>all in favour to approve.</b></p>	
<b>WRL23/049</b> <b>049.1</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Meetings – Actions list (Appx 2)</b></p> <p><u>R20/026.2 3G Provision within the villages:</u> Cllr Carrington arranged a meeting with IVC representative Becky Roberts, Cllrs Davies, Murray and Hobbs also attended. Project has now submitted planning application, and this has been discussed at the Planning and Development Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Several residents had attended this meeting with various objections, and Cllr Carrington said that IVC would be in contact with the residents to discuss further. Cllr Davies noted that the Rec Development Group (RDG) had been informed that Histon Football Club and Cambs FA are looking at the development of an artificial pitch at the football ground and so this is no longer high on the RDG priority list. Continue to work with various parties.</p> <p><u>WRL22/014 Development of Manorial Waste/School Hill site:</u> current project now completed with section being turfed. This item to be closed. Any further items such as repainting of youth shelter to be a new project with relevant costings.</p> <p><u>WRL22/023.1 Security Working party and WRL22/035.1 Gate Access system working party:</u> working parties not met. RFO to push groups to meet and provide feedback at next meeting. Jane Fidler highlighted delay in access party providing feedback.</p> <p><u>WRL23/011 Review of charges and terms and condition – see agenda item 050.1</u></p>	<b>Next Agenda</b>
<b>WRL23/050</b> <b>050.1</b>  <b>050.2</b>	<p><b>2024-2025 Facilities and Club charges</b></p> <p><b>To be reviewed and approved at November Full Council due to elected members conflict of interest.</b> Item noted.</p> <p><b>Review of terms and conditions for all hirers – Office to arrange walkabout with all club representatives prior to review taking place, to include feedback from Sporting Hub trial, continuing until end of March 2024.</b> Item noted.</p>	

051.1

**Update from Rec Development Group (RDG)**

Report noted.

Discussion on items as follows:

- Cllr Davies noted 3G pitch no longer considered a priority due to possible pitch at Histon Football Club and IVC pitch at planning stage.
- Cllr Davies also noted that the group felt that their direction was now clearer and that a focus for Phase One was to be the provision of new all weather floodlight tennis courts. The group were working with Histon Tennis Club Chair and other to look at whether 3 courts or 4 courts would be suitable, as there may only be windows of high usage.
- Jane Fidler of the Tennis Club expressed dismay on the reduction from four courts, feeling that the need is for four so matches can be held on 2 courts and 2 left free for coaching or other use. Steve Tweddell, Chair of Tennis Club to update club with suggestions/requests including reviewing usage data. Cllr Davies suggested that the reduction in court numbers would allow more room on the grounds for other items and that all areas of the grounds needed to be looked at and considered.
- Jane Fidler noted the desire of the Tennis Club to develop coaching for both junior and adults which may mean more court usage required.
- Cllr Carrington asked if it the Tennis Club had considered relocating to another space in order to get more courts, but Cllr Davies said that investigations had already determined there would be no funding for this for tennis.
- Cllr McKeown asked if his work on the Car Park entrance had been included on the review of this area, Cllr Davies said not but that he would look into it.
- Cllr McKeown asked for clarification on the location of "other facilities", Cllr Davies confirmed this covered the Bowls green, hard court and MUGA. Cllr Davies clarified that this area was a general discussion item; that what we have now we might not have in ten years, have to consider the long term, that users or clubs might merge with others in other villages. Costs of providing facilities may mean charges to clubs have to increase which may impact their funding..
- Perimeter path – discussion on location as required to be not close to cricket boundary, and that if a particular surface is used consideration has to be given to fielders moving onto this.
- Suggestion of use of path when not cricket season: Head Groundsman stated that there had been a path previously, a mesh path, but there was not good usage.
- Costings for projects to be identified at next RDG meeting.

052.2

**Report on Open Space (Appx 3)**

Report noted. Cllr McKeown confirmed that the report updates data from a South Cambs District Council report from 2013 looking at amount of play space in villages in the district in order to give a current picture. It confirms that there is a shortage of all types of open space and play areas across all types, and provides data to show where we are in order to inform three year plans.

**Standing Orders suspended.**

The resident noted that the need is not always for equipped play spaces, and that imaginative play such as den making and fort building stimulate different areas of the brain. The resident suggested the Committee should consider all different types of children and accessibility. The resident also suggested that using the current open green spaces should be encouraged.

**Standing Orders were reinstated.**

Cllr Carrington highlighted that biggest problem is land ownership by the Parish Council and queried whether some existing areas could see a change of use. Cllr Uttridge asked how we compare to other villages, and Cllr McKeown said that in the 2013 report the villages were quite near the bottom. Cllr Davies highlighted the fact that older, more

	established communities are not getting the range of facilities that newer ones do, such as Northstowe, and that District Council's view would need to be changed to address this, although the District Council had expressed that they might help fund ideas if good ones were presented to them.	
<b>WRL23/052</b>  <b>052.1</b>	<b>3 Year Plan and Projects</b>  <b>To review and approve 3-year plan for submission to Finance, Governance and Legal Committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> December, noting Year 1 of 3 year plan will be the allocated budget for year 2024/2025 (Appx 4).</b>  Draft Three Year Plan presented to all; discussion covered: Creation of an additional aspirational list to include projects that may fall outside of the three years being reviewed so the visions of the committee can be seen - to include the RDG project, extending the building and use of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor Include review of changes of use of some space – discuss with Nature and Biodiversity use of Homefield Park as a play area.	
<b>WRL23/053</b>  <b>053.1</b>	<b>Emergency Works</b>  <b>To approve emergency repairs to various works to pavilion doors and windows (Appx 5).</b> Proposed Cllr Wilbraham, seconded Cllr Murray, all in favour to accept RFO recommendation and proceed with works.	
<b>WRL23/054</b>  <b>054.1</b>	<b>How to communicate the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 and items for next agenda:</b>  <b>Next agenda: Security Working Party: Gate Access working party</b>	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 22nd January 2024, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b> <b>Meeting closed: 9.03 pm</b>  <b>Appendix 1: Minutes of the meetings 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> <b>Appendix 2: Actions List</b> <b>Appendix 3: Open Spaces Report</b> <b>Appendix 4: Budget and 3 year plan report</b> <b>Appendix 5 Emergency Works</b>	