

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING  
held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 7.30pm  
at the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr D Sperring

Councillors: J Burton, Mrs C Callis, E Dray, Mrs J Lumley, R Milne, K Podd, Mrs J Sawford, Mrs M Spencer, C Stanley and Mrs D Mercer

In attendance: Miss K Gaiger – Deputy Town Clerk  
3 Members of Public

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs J Burton, Mrs J Lumley, R Milne, D Sperring and C Stanley declared a non pecuniary interest as members of Rochford District Council.

Cllr Mrs J Lumley declared a non pecuniary interest as a member of Essex County Council.

Cllr J Burton declared a non pecuniary interest in matters relating to Rayleigh Football Club.

91 PUBLIC FORUM

There were 3 members of public present.

92 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

93 SUBSTITUTES

None.

94 NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

Cllr Mrs D Mercer attended as a non committee member.

95 MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record.

96 YOUTH LIAISON

Members received the reports for the weekly detached Youth Sessions since week commencing the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

Debbie Bartholomew, Rochford District Lead, Essex and Selvet Sanger, Youth and Community Based Commissioner, Essex Youth Service gave their apologies for not attending the meeting and will be invited to attend the next committee meeting to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted

#### 97 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members to receive and agreed the committee budget.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

#### 98 GROUND CONTRACTOR

Members noted that a meeting with the ground contractor will be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 9.30am to discuss outstanding works and any other matters. Cllrs D Sperring, C Stanley and E Dray will attend. All members of the committee are welcome to attend and to let the Town Council office know in advance.

The Committee Chairman informed members the main area for discussion will be the maintenance and the top dressing of the football pitches. The area was highlight in need to attention by the judges of the Essex Playing Field Association Awards.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

#### 99 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD - BOOKINGS

##### 99.1 Lions Club of Rayleigh

Members noted that the Lions Club of Rayleigh have been awarded a grant by Rayleigh Town Council toward the Fireworks Display 2020 and an application for the hire of the playing field will be received in due course. Members raised concerns regarding the current ground conditions which have not had the opportunity to recover since the display in November 2019. It was therefore agreed to arrange meeting with members of the Club when their application is considered for 2020.

RECOMMENDED to i) arrange a meeting with the Lions Club of Rayleigh when their application is considered for 2020 and ii) the rest of the information be noted.

##### 99.2 Rayleigh Bowls Club

Member considered and approved a request for Rayleigh Bowls Club to park a coach in the car park area of the playing field and use Bull Lane for car parking on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 1.30pm to 7.00pm, when they host Framlingham Bowls Club. The changing rooms will not be required on this occasion.

RECOMMENDED that Rayleigh Bowls Club to park a coach in the car park area and use the Bull Lane end of the playing field for car parking on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020 from 1.30pm to 7.00pm, when they host Framlingham Bowls Club.

## 100 PLAY AREA

Members noted that the annual ROSPA inspection had taken place and it had been forwarded to the ground contractor manager to action.

Members agreed to proceed with the extension to the play area and that revised quotes will need to be obtained for the relocation of the fence for toddler area. Members were informed that an Awards for All grant application could be submitted and the Deputy Town Clerk will complete the necessary paperwork for submission.

RECOMMENDED that i) to submit an Awards for All Grant for play equipment and ii) rest of the information be noted.

## 101 FOOTBALL PITCHES

### 101.1 Rayleigh FC Training

Members noted that Rayleigh FC continue to train on Saturday mornings and to date 3 weeks were cancelled due to the weather and pitch conditions. Training was relocated to the Bull Lane area of the playing field on 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January 2020 only.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 101.2 Season 2019/2020

Members noted that matches continue to be played at weekends and to date that the following weekends were cancelled due to weather and pitch conditions, 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. A member informed that games have been cancelled across the District due to the conditions.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 101.3 Pitch Maintenance

Further to minute no 81.3 of the King George V Playing Field Committee meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 members noted that a quote of £7,500 to carry out top dressing to the football pitch nearest Eastwood Road has been accepted and this will be discussed with the Ground Contractor Manager at the meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

## 102 GREEN FLAG 2020/2021

Members noted that application for the Green Flag 2020/2021 has been submitted at a cost of £329.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

103 TREE SURVEY

Members noted that Rochford District Council have been advised to conduct the Annual Tree Survey at the cost of £225. The survey will be conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

104 VANDALISM

Members noted that the Town Council office received a report of vandalism by youths on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2020. The incident has been reported to the police and this matter is due to be investigate further during the week and the member of public will provide a statement. Members noted that there has been an increase in vandalism at the weekends and it is thought to be the same individuals.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.55pm

Chairman

Signature..... Date .....