

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING  
held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm  
at the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Mrs M Spencer

Councillors: J Burton, Mrs C Callis, Mrs J Lumley, E Dray and K Podd,

In attendance: Miss K Gaiger – Deputy Town Clerk

71 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs J Burton and Mrs J Lumley 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 Mrs M Spencer declared a non pecuniary interest as a member of Anglia in Bloom.

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

72 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Sperring, Mrs J Sawford, R Milne and C Stanley.

74 SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes present.

75 NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

There were no non committee members present.

76 MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019

To receive and sign the minutes as a correct record.

77 YOUTH LIAISON

Members received the reports for the weekly detached Youth Sessions since week commencing the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 and agreed that this service continues to be valuable to the young people.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

78 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD - BOOKINGS

78.1 New Booking

No new bookings received.

78.2 Completed Bookings

Lions Club of Rayleigh

Members noted that the Lions Club of Rayleigh hired the playing field on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 for the fireworks display and the event was opened by the Town Council Vice Chairman. Members agreed to refund the £500 deposit for this event.

RECOMMENDED to refund the £500 deposit to the Lions Club of Rayleigh

79 PLAY AREA

Members noted a new aerial runway seat and chain has been fitted by the groundsman.

Members noted that the Town Council has contacted Rochford District Council to arrange the annual Rospa Inspection and a date would be advised in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

80 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES FUND APPLICATIONS

Members noted that the decision on the Community Initiatives Fund for the EALC has been received and the Town Council had not been successful due to the application relating to an existing service. The EALC will be contacted for clarification to find out if applications will be considered for alterations and extension to existing areas such as the skate park in future. The Town Council had completed the pre-application forms and have been given approval to submit a full application.

RECOMMENDED to i) contact the EALC to gain clarification to find out if applications will be considered for alteration and extension to existing areas such as skate park in future and ii) the rest of the information be noted.

## 81 FOOTBALL PITCHES

### 81.1 Rayleigh FC Training

Members noted that Rayleigh FC continue to train on Saturday mornings and to date no sessions have been cancelled.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 81.2. Season 2019/2020

Members noted that matches continue to be played at weekends and that Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December were cancelled due to weather conditions. A member informed that a number of grounds had been cancelled the previous weekend due to the weather and pitch conditions.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 81.3 Pitch Maintenance

Members noted that the contractor will be informed to carry out the top dressing of the pitch nearest to Eastwood Road at a cost of £7,500 and a meeting will be arranged.

RECOMMENDED that i) the contractor be informed to carry out the top dressing of the pitch nearest to Eastwood Road and ii) a meeting to be arranged with the contractor.

## 82 ANGLIAN WATER

Members noted that the Town Council has not received any response to the letter or phone calls made to Anglia Water in relation to the drainage from the pavilion. Members recommended that the Town Council office should contact the Town Council's Insurance Company to inform them of the situation and the matter should be reported to Full Council for further action.

RECOMMENDED to contact the Town Council's insurance company to inform them of the situation.

## 83 GREEN FLAG 2020/2021

Members noted that applications for 2020/2021 can now be submitted. The cost this year will be £329. The closing date is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020. The playing field will not require an updated management plan this year and will be judged by a mystery shopper.

RECOMMENDED to submit an application for Green Flag 2020/2021 by the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

## 84 ESSEX PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Members noted that the playing field received the following awards in the Best Kept Playing Field Competition 2019:

- Class 1 – playing fields serving communities of 2,500 or more – Gold
- Class 3 – Children’s Playgrounds – Gold
- Class 6 – Best Kept Football Pitch – Silver

Members noted that the EPFA Representative had informed that many of the football pitches judged received Silver for 2019 as it had been a difficult year for weed growth.

The AGM and Presentation was attended by Cllrs D Sperring, Mrs M Spencer, E Dray and J Lawmon.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

85 ANGLIA IN BLOOM

Members noted that Anglia in Bloom judges have confirmed the playing field was awarded Gold status correctly however they did admit to making several mistakes in their report and apologised for the error.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

86 TREE SURVEY

Members agreed to accept the quote of £225 from Rochford District Council to conduct the annual tree survey of the King George V Playing Field.

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87 ROSE GARDEN

Members noted that the two crescent shaped flowerbeds will be planted with additional plants during 2020. Two of the remaining rosebeds will be redesigned in 2020/2021.

RECOMMENDED that the two crescent shaped flowerbeds will be planted with additional plants during 2020.

88 WATER FOUNTAIN

Members agreed not to install a water fountain in the King George V Playing Field due to concerns with vandalism, maintenance and health and safety. The installation of a drinking water fountain could also be detrimental to the snack bar operator.

RECOMMENDED not to install a water fountain in the King George V Playing Field.

89 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members considered and agreed the Committee budget to the end of the year and the proposed budget for the next financial year (annex attached)

RECOMMENDED to agree the Committee budget to the end of the year and the proposed budget for the next financial year.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm

Chairman

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