

RAYLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING  
held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7.30pm  
at the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh

PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr D Sperring  
Councillors: J Burton, Mrs C Callis, R Dowell, E Dray, L Jeffery, Mrs J Lumley, R Milne, R Oatham, Mrs J Sawford, and Mrs M Spencer

In attendance: Mr G Crickmore, Senior Youth Worker, Essex County Council  
Mrs S Sanger and Miss L Greene, Youth & Community Based Commissioners, Essex County Council.  
Miss K Gaiger – Committee Clerk

123 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs D Sperring, R Oatham, R Milne, Mrs J Lumley and J Burton 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 FC.

124 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of public present.

125 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr J Lawmon

126 SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes.

127 NON COMMITTEE MEMBERS ATTENDING

There were no non committee members present.

128 MINUTES OF THE KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE MEETING held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a correct record.

129 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Members received and noted the budget report for the current financial year.

RECOMMENDED to approve the Committee Budget.

130 YOUTH LIAISON

The Committee Chairman welcomed Glenn Crickmore, Senior Youth Worker, Selvet Sanger and Laura Greene, Youth & Community Based Commissioners, Essex County Council to the meeting and members received verbal and written reports and on their weekly visits.

A member raised a concern that the nature of the visits appeared to be changing and becoming too friendly by providing refreshments etc and that the issue regarding drug use in the teen shelter was not being addressed. The Youth Workers explained that they do not engage with any young person who is smoking and the sessions are becoming friendlier as they build up trust and a rapport on a weekly basis.

The Youth Workers informed that the removal or alteration to the teen shelter could mean that the current issues would move to other areas within the playing field such as play area, rose gardens and skate park. They also highlighted that the article in the local press was misleading as it was supposed to give a general warning to parents about knowing where their children are and not singling out one specific location.

It was suggested that the Youth Workers could work with the Megacentre and Police to address the issues at the teen shelter.

Members felt that the work carried out by the Youth Workers still having a positive impact on the young people who visit the playing field.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

131 TEEN SHELTER

Members discussed the proposed alteration (removal of side and back panels) or removal of the teen shelter following concerns regarding drug/solvent use in the area and reports from the ground contractor and Rayleigh Bar'N'Bus in relation to this issue. A member raised concerns that the shelter is well known by local children as place for drug taking and the term "Teen Shelter" is no longer appropriate. Following reports received members agreed that the removal of the shelter would relocate the problem to another area in the playing field (play area/skate park etc). It was agreed to monitor the situation and review in three months.

Members received the information from a company who can provide support or assistance to prevent solvent abuse it was agreed to circulate the details to the two secondary schools, Cllrs Mrs J Lumley, Mrs J Sawford and Essex Youth Service.

Members noted that the Town Council called the Fire Service on the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> December due to a fire in the teen shelter. A member questioned if a fire damaged the shelter would it be replaced by the Town Council. The Town Council office and ground staff check the shelter after any incident and would refer any matters to this committee.

RECOMMENDED that i) to monitor the situation at the teen shelter and review in three months ii) to circulate the details of the company who can provide support or assistance on solvent abuse to secondary schools, Cllrs Mrs J Lumley. Mrs J Sawford and Essex Youth Service.

## 132 KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD - BOOKINGS

### 132.1 Moonbeamers

Members approved a request from Moonbeamers to hold outdoor cinema events in the playing field on the evening of Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (Silent Cinema) and Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 (using PA equipment). The ground contractor would be consulted regarding the locking up for both events.

RECOMMENDED that Moonbeamers may hire the playing field on 24<sup>th</sup> May and 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for outdoor cinema events and to consult with the ground contractor regarding locking up for both events.

### 132.2 The Mobile Bootcamp

Members noted that a completed hire application form had not been received from the Mobile Bootcamp therefore the matter could not be discussed.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 132.3 Ellis Leisure

Members received and considered a request from Ellis Leisure to hire the King George V Playing Field on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> April, 29<sup>th</sup> May, 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019 to host inflatable play sessions. Members agreed that, due to a number of incidents occurring nationally relating to inflatables, it should be recommended not to proceed with any such booking and to amend the booking form to read no Inflatable play sessions.

RECOMMENDED not to proceed with any booking for inflatable play sessions

## 132 BOWLS CLUB

### 133.1 Chelsea Pensioners visit for 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Members noted that the Bowls Club may park a coach in the car park area, if size permits and hire the changing rooms on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 1.00pm for the visit by the Chelsea Pensioners to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club. The Town Council Chairman will attend this engagement. Additional details will be received in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

### 133.2 Field and Changing Room Hire 2019

Members considered and approved a request from the Bowls Club to hire the Bull Lane end of the playing field for car parking and changing rooms for two dates as follows. As in previous years the parking will be marshalled by members of the club and all visitors will be reminded that smoking (including e-cigarettes) is not permitted anywhere within the Pavilion area

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - 12noon to 7pm – Essex Past Presidents v NM Essex

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 12noon to 7pm – London Parks v Essex Vice Presidents

RECOMMENDED that the Bowls Club may hire the Bull Lane end of the playing field and changing rooms on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019 12noon to 7pm.

#### 134 PLAY AREA

The Annual Rospa Report has been sent to the ground contractor, play equipment supplier and skate park contractor to action any works or provide quotes. To date a response has not been received and will be chased.

RECOMMENDED to chase for a response regarding the annual Rospa Report regarding work to be actions or quotes.

#### 135 ELM HORTICULTURE

Members requested that the date of meeting with the ground contractor will be circulated once known. Cllrs D Sperring and E Dray would attend.

RECOMMENDED to circulate the date of meeting with the ground contractor once known.

#### 136 FOOTBALL PITCHES

##### 136.1 Rayleigh FC Training

Members noted that Rayleigh FC continue to train on Saturday mornings and was cancelled by the organiser on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019 due to the weather and ground conditions.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

##### 136.2 Season 2018/2019

Members noted that games continue to be played on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Matches were cancelled Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January and weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 due to weather and ground conditions.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

#### 137 GROUNDMANS SHED

##### 137.1 Shutter

Members noted that the shutter has been replaced at a cost of £1,185 with the recommended safety brake and manual override handle. The company will conduct a 6 monthly service at a cost of £120.

RECOMMENDED that the above information to be noted.

##### 137.2 Internal Door

Members noted that a quote had been received of £920 to install a full sized internal steel door. The additional quotes would be discussed with the Committee Chairman.

RECOMMENDED to discuss the additional quotes with the Committee Chairman to install a full sized internal door.

138 PUBLIC TOILETS

Members noted that a Pavilion Working Group meeting was held before this meeting to discuss the proposed alterations to the ground floor layout including the installation of public direct access toilets and Town Council reception area. The specification will be produced and sent out to companies for tender. Planning permission will be required before any work is conducted and building regulations will also have to be obtained.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

139 LITTER BINS

Members noted the the cost of 3 larger capacity units to be installed in the playing field have been included in the budget for 2019/2020 and will be ordered in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

140 GREEN FLAG 2019/2020

Members noted that the field has been entered into the 2019/2020 competition and the criteria for updating the management report has been sent to the grounds contractor. The management report is required by end of March 2019.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

141 ESSEX PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

Members received the Essex Playing Field Winter Newsletter 2018/19 for information.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

142 TREE SURVEY

Members noted that Rochford District Council have been instructed to conduct the annual tree survey in the playing field for 2019 at a cost of £225 with the date to be advised in due course.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

143 ROSE GARDEN

Members noted that the rose gardens will remain as planted for 2019 to allow the two newly designed beds to establish. Additional bedding plants may be planted.

RECOMMENDED that the above information be noted.

144 WELCOME TO PLAYING FIELD SIGNS

Members noted that two of the Welcome to King George V Playing Field need to be replaced due to damage and agreed to accept a quote of £310 to produce the two A1 sized signs.

Members further agreed to purchase two “No Dog” signs for the play area gates at a cost of £93.

RECOMMENDED to purchase two Welcome to the King George V Playing Field Signs at a cost of £310 and two “No Dog” signs at £93.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm

Chairman

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