

Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council
Minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee Meeting held at 6.30pm on Monday 10th July 2023
in the Salmonsbury Room, The George Moore Community Centre

Those Present: Cllrs J Wareing (Chairman), S Coventry, L Hicks, L Launchbury and M Samuel

In Attendance: Lizzie Quarterman (Locum Committee Clerk), Cllr A Roberts

Members of Public: Two.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs J Jowitt and B Wragge, Maya Samuel (Member of Youth Parliament for North Cotswolds and Stroud).
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.
- 3) **To receive and approve the minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee held on Monday 5th June 2023.**
APPROVED.
- 4) **Public Session:**
 - a) A resident of Lansdowne expressed a view that his ongoing complaint about the noise and antisocial behaviour at the MUGA in The Naight were not being responded to. He also stated that residents were not being treated with respect and that their views had not been sought in a consultation. The resident expressed a view that the inspections were not being carried out professionally.
 - b) A second resident with a property by The Naight also raised the point of the ongoing noise and antisocial behaviour. The two residents left the meeting at this point.
- 5) **Update from a member of the Youth Parliament Cotswolds & Stroud:** The report was delivered by Cllr M Samuel. The member is working with G Clifton-Brown MP to produce a document on the delivery and nutritional value of Free School Meals For All. The Committee Clerk to add the member of the Youth Parliament Cotswolds & Stroud to the Youth & Wellbeing Committee's meeting email distribution list.
- 6) **Build Back Better Fund:** Ideas for making use of this funding were considered. Cllr L Launchbury suggested outdoor gym equipment. Potential sites for this at Jubilee Garden or Melville were mooted. Cllr M Samuel mentioned an outdoor table tennis table with lockable drawers for equipment and also chess/draughts sets. The canvassing of local opinion was discussed. It was proposed to put a proposal for the opinion canvass for both ideas to full Council. APPROVED.
- 7) **Youth:**
 - a) **Play Rangers:** It was noted that the number of play sessions for 2024 has already been agreed with Play Gloucestershire. Committee Clerk to confirm which dates we are already funding and to ensure there is no overlap with Holiday Activity and Food (HAF). It was noted that the Parish Council is not ultimately responsible and that paperwork such as third-party insurance, food hygiene certificates, DBAs and so on would have been checked when SLA was written up. It was proposed that Cllr Hicks arrange a meeting with Katie Spencer-Jefferies, and Cllrs L Launchbury, L Hicks and M Samuel to explore how the Committee can boost take-up and to introduce new councillors to Play Gloucestershire. APPROVED.
 - b) **Youth Club:**
 - i) Update on new site for the Youth Club at the Scout Hut from September at a cost of £15 per hour for sole use. In the meantime, the Youth Club will continue at the British Legion for the remainder of the summer season. The Service Level Agreement (SLA) is overdue a review. Cllr Hicks to arrange a meeting between Gemma Hall of Inspire to Aspire, Cllr M Samuel, Cllr L Launchbury and a member of the clerking team to discuss the SLA. Also, Cllr Hicks to arrange a meeting with representatives from Baden Powell Hall, Cllr Hicks, Cllr Launchbury, Cllr Samuel and Gemma Hall at Baden Powell Hall to discuss the Youth Club.

c) **Play Areas:**

- i) Weekly Inspections: To receive weekly reports and agree any further actions. These were taken as read.
- ii) Quarterly inspections: Two quotes for quarterly inspections were considered. More information was felt to be needed before taking this to full Council. Committee Clerk to confirm that Wicksteed do want the contract and ask for an accurate quote for the three sites based on the facilities at each site.
- iii) New equipment for Rye Crescent: Following the meeting held with a resident on 20th June 2023, Gemma Scarrott and James Gardener along with the Working Party will meet at the site at 6.30pm on 25th July 2023 for a site inspection before adjourning to the Salmonsbury Room at The George Moore Community Centre. At this meeting, the wording for a Flyer to invite residents to new play equipment, landscaping, and circulation of said Flyer will be agreed. A report will be given at next Full Council meeting and the next Youth & Wellbeing Committee meeting for discussion.
- iv) Timber tower multi-play at Rye Crescent: The two quotations from Greenfields for removal (£1053 + VAT) and repair (£244 + VAT) were considered and compared. It was proposed to accept the quote for repair. APPROVED.
- v) Slide at The Naight: A quote of £250 + VAT from Greenfields to supply & install new anti-slip steps. It was proposed to accept the quote. APPROVED.
- vi) Grass matting at The Naight: Consideration was given to the quotation from Greenfield for repairs of £2347 + VAT. It was proposed to defer a decision on this until the next meeting. In the meantime, Cllrs J Wareing and L Hicks to arrange an inspection with Dave Perry the Play Inspector on Friday 14th July.
- vii) New play area signs: The locations for these signs were discussed. Melville: one sign on single gate and double gate leading into the fenced play area. Rye Crescent: one sign on the single gate leading into the fenced play area. All to be positioned where they are most visible. All signs to be checked for correct wording and spelling.

d) **Website:** Cllr L Launchbury reported on progress with website pages for Play Rangers and the Youth Club. Deferred to next meeting as Cllr J Jowitt wants to arrange a meeting.

8) **Wellbeing:**

- a) The *Brighter Bourton Building a Better Community* event is now being held in September to avoid a clash with the Village Information Day. Cllr J Wareing to arrange a meeting with Steve Cotton. The report by Cllr J Wareing is deferred to the next meeting.
- b) A "Happy to Chat bench": A request from a resident to install a Happy to Chat bench like one in Witney was positively received. It was felt this could be a good use of funds from the Tourism Levy. Potential sites were discussed, such as by the tree outside The Willows. Committee Clerk to respond to the resident with thanks. To be sent to VEC for consideration.

9) **Correspondence:** There was none.

10) **Confidential Session: Resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1, extended by the Local Government Act 1972, Section 100, that the following items are confidential. As such, the press and public are excluded from this part of the meeting. APPROVED.**

11) To consider issues raised in correspondence from a resident regarding the Youth Club (Confidential Paper 8). Committee Clerk to respond to resident thanking them for their communication and explaining that the Youth Club will be moving to a new venue in September.

- 12) To consider issues raised in correspondence from a resident regarding noise at the MUGA in The Naight (Confidential Paper 9). Committee Clerk to respond with thanks. It was noted that in last month's meeting it was agreed to do nothing further but in light of the discussion with Member of the Public in item 4(a), it was felt this should be revisited. Cllr Wareing to communicate with said residents after meeting with Youth & Wellbeing committee members at the MUGA on Thursday 13th July. The Committee to take advice from the Gloucestershire Playing Fields Association. It was suggested that the Youth Club be taken to play ball at the MUGA and for the session to be recorded to ascertain the noise disturbance. It was also suggested that new Councillors be invited to a Youth Club meeting. Points to note: The consultation for the MUGA was mentioned in the minutes of this Committee in February 2020, so the date it was held should be discoverable; Cllr A Roberts to investigate further engineering solutions to the noise issue.
- 13) **Items to note:** There were none.
- 14) **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 21st August 2023 at 6.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.10pm.