

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SOUTH WONSTON PAVILION COMMITTEE 10-08-2021 AT 2.00 pm at the Pavilion

PRESENT

Cllrs Perrins (JP) (Chairman), Selby (DS), Street (FS), and Clerk Mrs Jones (RJ).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Peal (AP), Tree Warden Lesley Mackinnon (LM)

PAVILION MANAGEMENT

The Deep Clean will take place on Monday 2nd September and also at the end of September.

The Chairman has spoken to Kathy Ellis the scout leader and agreed that Scouts had misused the facilities. The situation will be reviewed in 6 months but the keys need to be returned and their things removed from the cupboard.

Swifts contracts have been agreed following a meeting with Pete Laud and Guy Bewick for the current season. Juniors will remain at £250 per team and £60 per adult match, which is an increase of £5 per match.

Corrigenda are to service the sewage tank. The week before whereby the sewage was building up in the tanks and the manual override button was not working in the plant room. This cleared itself at some point but unsure what wasn't working.

The Damage Report and Action Plan were reviewed and are attached. Cllr Perrins to update following the discussions.

FINANCE

No Finance was discussed

RECREATION GROUND MANAGEMENT

Bench shelters are due to be delivered today. Clerk has arranged for Russell Mack to have a garage key to build the shelters and move the benches currently in situ. He will also look at suggestion of a Community Bench.

CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

Clerk has met 3 local playground companies to look at implementing a wooden zip wire and a castle. An Adventure Fort has been sent in from Vitaplay to consider replacing the banked area in the children's playground. The Cllrs were all in support of the main picture which Clerk will get a quote for. A 4th company Streetscape were

contacted about quoting for a wooden zip wire but they declined due to the current lack of wood.

Clerk to arrange for EHS visit to clean the park and use an algae scrub on the rhino mulch.

The local volunteer helping with the playground suggested purchasing a piece of wood to replace at the top of the climbing wall. Clerk has placed an order with Vitaplay.

TREE WARDEN UPDATE - Lesley McKinnon was unable to attend the meeting but sent in minutes of the meeting with Nick (C&D Trees 4/8/21) which included Paul and Clerk

Nick confirmed that there were around 50 ash trees surrounding the Recreation ground, and that the majority were showing early signs of ash dieback. However, he thought that no immediate action was needed as all had reasonable leaf covering with more than 50% of the crown remaining, and none posed obvious safety risks.

He recommended reviewing the ten or so worst affected trees in May 2022, and the remainder in two years time. Based on current experience, he expects that at most 5 of the total ash will survive in the long term.

Nick also inspected the two dead field maple behind the BMX track, but thought that these were reasonably stable, and again, as they were in a space that was little used, could be left standing.

In view of the eventual loss of the ash trees, Nick suggested legacy planting of other species that might be expected to have a life span of some 200 years or more, especially as the majority of the other trees on the Recreation ground, and the new saplings such as wild cherry and Rowan, should last for at most 40 years. His list of candidates include beech, cedar and lime, to be planted as 7-8 year old specimens.

Nick advised that the suckering English Elm on the North side of the footpath behind the Pavilion would keep re-growing but only to a certain height before they die off. It would be useful to include this area in any hedge cutting that you request along that path to thereby keep them to a similar height to the recreation ground hedge. The Elm is an important food source for the white letter hairstreak butterfly.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING
Tuesday 7th September 2021