

**MODBURY ASSOCIATION OF RECREATION & SPORT
MEETING MINUTES**

Date: 1 October 2020

Present: Peter Watts (Chair)
Nikki Mitchell (Secretary)
Paul Eden (Tennis)

Paul Romney (Treasurer)
Kath Hope (Scouts/ Netball)
George Rosevear (MPC)

Apologies: Andy Craig (MRJFC)

AGENDA ITEM	COMMENT	ACTION	BY WHOM
1. MATTERS ARISING FROM COMMITTEE MEETING OF 25 FEBRUARY 20	<p>Matters arising or carried forward from meeting on 25 February 20 were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Septic tank has been emptied • Fencing and steps to rear of Pavilion almost complete • Vertical blinds have been installed in function room • Waiting for Heather Coulson to stitch the small window curtains together so they can be used for the new door to the extension • Lighting between Scout hut and fire pit still to be addressed 	<p>Follow up with Heather Coulson re curtains</p> <p>Liaise with Scouts when able to return to normal activities</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PR/KH</p>
2. TREASURER'S REPORT	<p>Little activity for the last 6 months due to Covid-19. Just starting to be re-used but income significantly lower than before.</p> <p>Cash in bank totals £23,284 of which £8,600 is a contribution from Tennis Club towards the resurfacing of the courts + £10k Business Grant from SHDC.</p> <p>25% deposit paid towards the resurfacing and since reclaimed from S106 funds.</p> <p>£2,500 still outstanding from MPC VAT reclaim and £190 held in petty cash which is mainly a payment from the Art Class.</p>		
3. REGULAR USERS UPDATE	<p>Pavilion Just starting to be re-used although still restrictions on which groups can make use of the facilities.</p>		

A meeting was held with NHS infection control to restart cardiac rehabilitation sessions monthly rather than weekly. Pavilion given the all clear to proceed which is positive news.

Yoga has restarted all bar one session and Mandolins have also returned as 2 separate groups of 6. Another singing group have started rehearsals and would like to increase numbers if possible. Agreed to discuss further to consider logistics.

Neither Gospel Singers nor Table Tennis is able to restart at present.

Tennis

Project to resurface the tennis courts has been brought forward and we have successfully applied to SHDC during lockdown to access phase 2 of the S106 money from West of Palm Cross Green development.

Resurfacing underway and hoping this will be complete within next 2 weeks provided the contractors can continue without interruption. PW said he had spoken to the contractor who indicated this could be more like 6 weeks.

PE reported club was not adversely affected by lockdown and in fact has seen an increase in membership and income following increased use of the courts through the summer months.

Scouts

KH reported no plans for Scouts to return until Spring as hut cannot be used. Cubs are keen to start an outdoor programme after October half term with a maximum of 15 at any one time. Jason Edwards is leading on this and PR will liaise with him.

Football

Nothing to report from AC. PR & PW said there had been a lot of games played and their understanding is football is going well.

Netball

KH had nothing to report.

Cricket

	<p>PR had nothing to report.</p> <p>Table Tennis Nothing to report</p>		
4. PITCH/ FIELD MAINTENANCE	<p>Outdoor facilities have been used more than ever during lockdown and have been a godsend for the community.</p> <p>Steps and fencing are complete. We have acquired some handrails to run alongside the steps which will be erected in time.</p> <p>Orchard has apples ready to be pressed. MARS will be hosting Apple Day on Sat 10th October – this will be an outdoor event with limited numbers.</p> <p>One more treatment of fertiliser to be undertaken shortly, completing pitch maintenance for this year. All wild flower seed beds have been strimmed and plan to scarify shortly to put down a new seed called yellow rattle. May need to rent a ‘scarifier’ to complete the exercise.</p> <p>Increased usage has highlighted the need to improve signage to discourage dog walkers from using the field and the importance of maintaining a clean and safe space.</p> <p>Unfortunately increased usage has resulted in even more rubbish being left behind on site. We are working with a volunteer litter picking group headed by Caroline Bower to focus efforts on encouraging people to take their litter home. Caroline has asked if MARS would be willing to fund the cost of a sign for litter responsibility – consensus was we would like to see and agree the content before approval. We will also send something similar to existing user groups by email once agreed.</p>	<p>Erect handrails when weather improves and time permits.</p> <p>Complete final treatment of fertiliser and scarify wild flower seed beds</p> <p>Identify, purchase and erect improved signage reminding residents that no dogs (except working guide dogs) permitted in Rec Ground.</p> <p>Also work with Caroline Bower to agree content of sign and email reference responsibility for litter.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PR/PW</p> <p>PR/PW</p> <p>PR/NJM</p>
5. PAVILION MAINTENANCE	<p>Exterior painting now been completed and building is now looking refreshed and bench seat near tennis court now in place. Paving stone needs replacing.</p> <p>Volunteer group worked hard to make sure the Pavilion was Covid secure and able to re-open to user groups. Various items of equipment and cleaning materials had to be acquired to meet the requirements of the Covid risk assessment, a copy of which has been circulated to all regular users.</p>	<p>Replace paving stone</p>	<p>PW</p>

<p>6. MUGA & PITCH DRAINAGE PROJECTS UPDATE</p>	<p>PR updated committee on progress during lockdown which has been slow for obvious reasons.</p> <p>GMA report now received which was undertaken by Traction Sports in line with Football Foundation requirements to qualify for their funding. Report recommends we appoint an Agronomist/ Turf Consultant (equiv of an architect) to draw up plans and pull together all requisite reports.</p> <p>PR has obtained 3 quotes for consideration. Unfortunately no local companies as specialised area:</p> <p>Traction Sports (based in Dorset) – 10% of project cost estimated £22,500 Geoturf - £37,000 STRI - £14,000</p> <p>PR recommended we appoint Traction Sport as they already know us and their proposals are most comprehensive. Not impressed by STRI quote or approach. Discussed at length and committee agreed next step should be to recommend to MPC that we continue with the project and appoint Traction Sport and request breakdown of professional costs at each stage.</p> <p>Topographical survey – 5m spacing already complete. Wildlife trigger table suggests preliminary ecological survey required. Initial research suggests a cost of £673 + VAT. 2 further quotes have been requested.</p> <p>Talked about funding sources and GR said Devon Renaissance could be a potential funding partner along with Esme Fairburn. GR would undertake some further research and advise next steps to make funding application.</p>	<p>Recommend MPC/ MARS appoint Traction Sports to prepare planning application and all associated drawings. Obtain all reports required to support planning application.</p> <p>GR to provide further information re DR and Esme Fairburn requirements</p>	<p>PR/NJM</p> <p>GR</p>
<p>7.HEALTH & SAFETY</p>	<p>Covid secure – risk assessment complete and hire agreement amended to ensure all users complete their own Covid risk assessment before using the facilities.</p> <p>CCTV camera – need to renew the cables and upgrade camera(s) to include good quality night-time visibility. Committee agreed we should seek expert guidance and advice in this area.</p> <p>Erect handrails alongside steps from Pavilion to pitches and replace paving stone.</p>	<p>Take expert advice and obtain quotes to upgrade the CCTV equipment</p> <p>See earlier comments</p>	<p>PR/PW</p> <p>PW</p>

	<p>Agree an install lighting from Scout hut to fire pit.</p> <p>PE asked about the hinges on the original patio doors as pins seem to have worked their way out. Now pushed back down but concern it would be easy to tap out and remove door.</p>	<p>See earlier comments</p> <p>Repair/ replace hinges to the original patio door</p>	<p>PR/KH</p> <p>PW</p>
8. OTHER BUSINESS	<p>Note traditional Nov 5th celebrations have been cancelled and confirmation will appear in the Messenger. NJM already sent piece for inclusion in October and November editions.</p> <p>PW was contacted by a private helicopter company requesting permission to use the landing site at the Recreation Ground. Arrangements were made and rather than pay landing fees, the individual was asked to make a donation to Devon Air Ambulance Trust.</p> <p>Vicar has approached PR with a view to holding a drive in Carol Service at the Recreation Ground. Plans are in their infancy and further information will follow if this is thought to be feasible.</p>		
9. NEXT MEETING	To be confirmed		