

Minutes of the Leisure & Activities Committee Meeting
held on 10 March 2021 at 7.30 pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs S Berlyn (Chair), A Chapman, G Chapman (Vice Chair), M Hessing, and J Thombs

In attendance: Ms M Harper (Clerk)
3 members of the Public

20/21.20 Apologies for absence

Cllr P Sutton

20/21.21 Declarations of Interest

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept and the Danbury Community Association (DCA).

Cllr Berlyn declared a personal interest in the Sports and Social Centre as he is a lifetime member.

20/21.22 Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to address the Council, give their views and question the Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration (at the discretion of the Chairman). Members of the public may not take part in the Council meeting itself. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 5 minutes. Members of the public should address their representation through the Chairman of the meeting.

Cllr Berlyn noted for the benefit of the members of public that discussions had been held regarding the Sports & Social Centre and how the earmarked funds were to be used and controlled.

Members of the public expressed concerns relating to the potential of large sums of money being provided to the tenants of the Sports & Social Centre; Cllr Berlyn confirmed that the Danbury Community Association (the tenants) did not have a right to the money and any funding would be considered by the Parish Council as part of its responsibility for the spending of public money.

20/21.23 Approve the minutes of the Leisure & Activities Committee meeting held 10 February 2021

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Leisure & Activities Committee meeting held on 10 February 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record

20/21.24 Update on the current position with Danbury Community Association (DCA)

Following lengthy discussion. including an outline of the history of the meetings held with the DCA, the rejection of offers of assistance by the Parish Council and clarification that the precept had been set in good faith partly based on the upper limit of potential funding the DCA would require to continue running the Sports & Social Centre depending on the effect of the pandemic on the business, it was agreed that the proposal presented to the DCA in February 2021 which had been deferred by them would be withdrawn.

RESOLVED: that the proposed offer be withdrawn and any further assistance required by the DCA would need to be taken to Full Parish Council, proposed by Cllr Hessing and seconded by Cllr Thombs, all agreed.

The Clerk was instructed to inform the DCA of the resolution on 11 March 2021.

20/21.25 Update on the Play Equipment Project

An update on the recent survey sent out to the whole village and published on social media was provided. It was noted that the results indicated that the Trim Trail, Aerial Runway, Climbing Frame, Parkour and Multi Use Games Area were very popular and that the Working Party would be carrying out Focus Group meetings with the local schools to determine an accurate picture of the apparatus. It is currently envisaged that the Multi Use Games Area would be a Tear 2 project.

20/21.26 Matters for Report (for information only)

There were no matters for report

20/21.27 Dates of next meetings

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.13pm

Chairman

Date