

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee held on  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

Present:	<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Non-Committee Members</b>
	Cllr D Smith	Cllr D Neal
	Cllr N Ireland	
	Cllr V Hobson	
	Cllr A Kirke	
	Cllr A Muller	One member of the public
	Cllr B Payton	
	Cllr S Mann	

- 631 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Whitehouse
- 632 **Declaration of Interests** – All members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.
- 633 **Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – Approved at Full Council meeting.
- 634 **Public Speaking** – None
- 635 **Installation of Gate at Sandypits Lane Playing Field** – Following a recent incident on the playing field and the fact that young people in cars were meeting in the car park to take drugs, it was suggested that a gate be installed. In view of the number of legitimate users of the car park during normal times, ie parents of scouts/army cadets, footballers, dog walkers, SDDC groundsmen, it was felt that it would be too complicated to issue keys and a combination would soon become well-known around the village if a gate were installed. It was thought that it may also cause congestion on Sandypits Lane.
- 636 **King George V Playing Field – Hardstanding Area - Use** – There had been a suggestion that car parking on this area should be restricted in view of the amount of damage caused to the previous surface. It was felt that the new surface should withstand parking and that there was no point in resurfacing it and then restricting use.
- 637 **Allotments – CCTV** - A draft policy had been drawn up for the Allotment Association as they were ready to install CCTV which they had funded with assistance from Neighbourhood Watch. It was felt to be important that allotment holders were informed (emails already sent out) and that signs were installed at the three entrances. Cllr Muller offered to draw up a policy for the CCTV at the Frank Wickham Hall.
- 638 **Risk Assessment** – The attached risk assessment was reviewed and minor amendments made.
- 639 **King George V Playing Field Play Equipment** – Cllr Smith reported that there had been a number of changes since the original plan for the installation of new play equipment. IT WAS THEREFORE DECIDED to set up a sub-committee to consult and draw up a new plan.

This committee was to comprise of Cllrs Smith, Muller, Mann and Hobson. It was reported that no reply had been received from Sport England on the request to reduce the size of the football pitch from adult to junior. It was suggested that Mark Williamson be asked to meet a member of the Parish Council on the playing field to discuss a possible solution to the drainage issue.

640 **Any Other Business**

- (a) Stone snake – Following the success of the stone snake, it was suggested by the Primary School Head that it would be good if it could end at the school. It was felt that the best place for it to be moved to was the new path across the playing field.
- (b) Sandypits Lane Playing Field – Cllr Hobson reported that new trees were growing where old trees had been removed. She also mentioned that the tree surgeons reported that there was some disease in the tree next to the changing rooms. The Clerk to ask the SDDC Tree Officer’s advice on this.
- (c) Cllr Ireland asked if all of the events suggested at the previous meeting by Etwall Community Group had been cancelled due to Covid-19. Cllr Smith offered to find out.

641 **Date of Next Meeting** – To be decided.

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