

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee held on
Tuesday 22nd September 2020**

Present:	Committee Members	Non-Committee Members
	Cllr D Smith	Cllr D Neal
	Cllr N Ireland	
	Cllr V Hobson	
	Cllr A Muller	
	Cllr A Whitehouse	One member of the public
	Cllr S Mann	

642 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllrs Kirke and Payton.

643 **Declaration of Interests** – All members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of the Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.

644 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2020** – Approved at Full Council meeting.

645 **Public Speaking** – one member of the public present. The resident had concerns over a football game that was played at Sandypits on Saturday 19th September. It was a club from outside the village who, on their website, claim Sandypits is their home ground. They suggested we could charge this club to play and that the Parish Council were losing out on money. They were also concerned at the lack of social distancing at the game as there appeared to be a large group of supporters.

A second question they had was, he appreciates other Councils have abandoned their Christmas tree light switch on events however he feels we should still have some kind of automatic switch on.

646 **Etwall Football Club**

- (a) Feedback from recent conversation with the club – Cllr. Smith met with a representative of the football club and the following was discussed:
- No donation is required for the U7 team (as noted in the Parish Council's meeting in September) this has now been covered.
 - agreed another bin is required as dog mess on the field is a problem, they would like this on the jitty. They agreed that more signs (re picking up your own dog mess) were pointless, however, it was suggested that the clubs younger children could do a poster competition saying 'we play here please pick up after your dogs' which could be laminated.
 - they are happy not to have removable goal posts.
 - Car Park – lots of potholes. It was agreed that once we have looked through our finances, we can look at getting some quotes.
 - Car owners are continuing to park in front of the padlocked gate to the field which is for emergency services to gain access should the need arise. Could we look at having a sign made? The Clerk will investigate.
 - The football club have been giving permission to other clubs to allow them to play so long as the pitch stays in a good condition, however the pitch is not theirs albeit

they have priority. They do however have control of the changing rooms, as they pay rent. Cllr Smith explained this to them, and they have accepted this. They are happy for the booking of the field to be done through the Clerk.

- Etwall FC mentioned they are looking into the drainage and lighting of the pitch as the FA are offering out grants for such things.

- (b) Formal Liaison – it was discussed that having a formal liaison with the Football club would be a good idea. It was suggested that maybe a member of the Football Club join this committee. Cllr. Smith will speak with them.

647 **King George V Playing Field**

- (a) Budget – it was agreed that Cllr. Smith and Cllr. Ireland would arrange to meet to update the budget for the YRA Committee.

Cllr. Smith reported that since the last full Parish Council meeting, SDDC have informed us that they are planning a 5-year rolling policy of painting play areas in the district so there is little point the Committee paying to have the equipment and railing painted.

648 **Sandypits Lane – streetlight blocked by tree** - after inspection it was agreed that it would be reported to DCC, Highways to cut back overgrown ivy.

649 **Allotments**

- (a) Waiting List – after discussion IT WAS AGREED that anyone requesting a plot who lives outside the parish would have to pay double the rent (normal bond payment would be payable) however they must live in the South Derbyshire District. This would be proposed at the Full Council meeting on Monday 5th October.

650 **Any other business**

- (a) Drainage – Cllr. Ireland has chased Severn Trent.
- (b) Broken play equipment – a swing seat and the roundabout need repairing. Several older children were seen jumping on equipment and on the shelter roof. IT WAS AGREED that we would write to John Port asking them to remind their students that the play area is for under 12's only.

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

Signed: Date: