

MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 4 November 2021 at Euxton PC Community Centre Annexe, School Lane, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr H Tune (Chair)

Cllr N Hall

Cllr R Peers

Cllr K Reed

Cllr S Walker

Officers present:

D Platt

Members of public: 2

1. Apologies

Cllrs P Fellows, G Sharples & V Thornhill.

2. Public participation

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Resolved: Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 May 2021 were agreed to be an accurate record and to be signed by the Chairman.

4. Bowling Club setup and relationship with EPC – review current arrangements

Members had read the document and with the assistance of the two members of public (from the Bowling Club) went through all the clauses.

Resolved: Members agreed to update or enhance aspects of a few of the clauses to reflect changes since the agreement was made:

- 18. 3rd paragraph – update that the Green's perimeter fence gate will be secured with a combination lock.
- 18. include 4th paragraph – a permanent notice will be on the Green's perimeter fence gate with instructions for the public to access the green for casual use.
- 20. include in the paragraph – all additional items must be presented to the Council for PAT testing.
- 36. include the words 'fire blanket' – Clerk also to provide a fire blanket.
- Clerk will clarify the title of this document with the author, presently this is entitled an Operational Management Plan.
- When document has been updated this will need to go to Full Council for ratification.

5. Balshaw Lane play area – discussion of improvements and plan

Play companies will be asked for some designs based on including:

Wetpour colourful surface, interesting colourful equipment, no very young children's equipment, equipment which is different and exciting but not repeating the other two areas.

6. Millennium Green update report and proposals to consider

Members discussed all the proposals in turn.

Resolved: Members agreed:

- Paths, proposal 1. To create an additional path of approximately 40m from the network on the NW corner of the pond to the platform

- Seating, proposal 2. to encourage the donation of memorial benches on the Green and should provide an additional 3 (or more) backed bench seats from its own resources.
- Seating, proposal 3. to research the possibility of some covered seating – a natural option was discussed, Clerk to investigate.
- Pond, proposal 4. members agreed to ask advice on creating a barrier to part(s) of the pond attempting to block access for dogs by providing a natural grown barrier of dense planting but advice would be required to ensure it would be wise planting and it wouldn't create any problems with the other environments created.
- Pond, proposal 5,6. members agreed to the suggested maintenance work, referring to the management plan by LWT, to get advice or training to obtain the work and or adjust the management plan.
- Members discussed and agreed an article for the newsletter about dogs on and off the lead.
- Western side, proposal 7. members agreed to get advice to enhance the boggy area into possibly a planted wetland and obtain measures and costings to carry this work out.
- Wildflower planting, proposal 8. members agreed to seek advice and costings to change the wilded area in to a more managed but natural wilded planted area with pollinator planting.
- Ash die back, members agreed to get the trees inspected and arrange the necessary actions.
- Coffee lady, members agreed the attendance of this franchise was a welcome asset, Clerk updated she had given permission to enter the site with the tricycle so as not to block the road or car park, they have a Chorley street trading license.

7. Chapel Brook land discussion of ideas for its use

When the land ownership is finalised the first work to be carried out is the tree work identified in the tree survey.

Members asked for an article in the newsletter asking for residents ideas for the land.

8. Budget setting

Resolved: Members agreed to submit the following precept requests:

2021 / 2022 BUDGET SETTING

	<u>PRECEPT 21/22</u>
Millennium Green	10000
Multi/All Weather Greenside (n	75000
Amenity/Open Space RRM	35000
Balshaw Lane Play Area 3	<u>50000</u>
	170000

9. Any other items which need attention or research

Suggestion to seek to provide a second skate park type facility elsewhere in the village. Clerk updated that this was a suggestion some time ago and has been researching land availability on Buckshaw – to no avail. The search for land continues.

Suggestion that Chapel Brook land might be used as a covid or general memorial site was discussed, members were encouraged to look at other areas sites including the Sensory garden in Astley Park as a suggestion of something Euxton could do. Ideas requested.

Suggestion of a music project was discussed. This might be something the Council could support and assist with but not create or run itself.

10. Date for next meeting

A meeting will be scheduled for early January, possibly 27th, subject to the availability of agenda items and venue.