MINUTES of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 25 July 2023 at CBTC East Terrace, Euxton.

Councillors present:Cllr E Jones (Chair)Cllr A OddyCllr P Morton (Vice Chair)Cllr K Reed

Officers present: D Platt, L Hardman

Resident:

1. Election of Committee Chair

Resolved: Cllr Jones was elected to the Chair.

2. Election of Committee Vice Chair

Resolved: Cllr Morton was elected to be Vice Chair.

- 3. Apologies Cllr Thornhill. NP: Cllrs Peers, Tune, Parker, Walker
- 4. Public participation
- 5. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 26 January 2023

Resolved: Minutes form the meeting held 26 January 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

6. Feedback on the last two big projects, Balshaw Area 3 and Greenside All Weather ball court

Balshaw Lane area 3 is popular and well used. Greenside all weather is often busy and well used. Clerks reported some small outstanding items but all are in hand and programmed in.

7. Report following recreation area inspections – items to note and follow up at items 8 & 9

The Annual Inspection report raises many issues, most a very minor and programmed in for repairs, if not already done. There are no Medium or High risk items raised. Two areas of concern are agenda items 8 and 9.

8. Greenside outdoor exercise equipment – discussion and actions

The equipment is over 10 years old and the supplier is no longer in business. The repairs suggested could be costly and one suggestion is to de-commission (remove) the equipment.

Social media/newsletter article to gauge reaction to the need to remove the equipment, asking for suggested alternatives for the area, presenting the new all weather area as the alternative place for activities.

Remove any items in need of repair.

9. Primrose Hill Play Area – discussion and actions

The two large climbing frame items of equipment are over 25 years old. The repairs suggested are mostly minor but a suggestion is to de-commission (remove) the two items of equipment and plan some new equipment in to the area. One plan was presented as an idea of size and upper cost of £50K.

Social media/newsletter article to seek suggestions for new items – possibly present some suggestions of items.

10. New project areas to discuss with future CIL receipts in mind

A drafted plan of a new area which could be a future CIL project was viewed for Southport Road. This would be for future CIL possibly 2025. Clerk to investigate with planning and property regarding the land and permissions required.

Clerk to obtain cost to take a power supply over to this area.

11. Any other items which need attention or research

A leaning tree was inspected to find Ash die back disease identified on a number of trees on the Millennium Green a day rate of £550 has been obtained for removal and it could be up to 4 days work. This is repair and maintenance issue but the Committee agreed with the necessity for the work to be carried out.

The wooden seat installed in 1999/2000 is in need of replacement and the Committee viewed a Whitton recycled plastic as an option and agreed its replacement.

12. Date for next meeting

Arrange a meeting for late in September.

Chairman closed the meeting.

End 8.06