

**MINUTES** of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 23 October 2023 at CBTC East Terrace, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr E Jones (Chair)	Cllr K Reed	Cllr V Thornhill
Cllr P Morton (Vice Chair)	Cllr C Parker	Cllr S Walker
Cllr A Oddy	Cllr R Peers	

Officers present: D Platt

Residents: 2

1. Apologies. Non attend Cllr Tune
2. Public participation

Members of the Bowling Club attended to discuss the maintenance of the Bowling Green and answer queries.

3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting held on 25 July 2023

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting held 25 July 2023 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

9. Bowling Green update for information on grass conditions and technical report  
Committee received the update on the Green and the necessary work required on it and thanked members of the committee for their work on the green.

4. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and action

Clerk updated on discussion with Chorley Council on land ownership, which she had investigated and produced evidence. Awaiting its response.

Members received one estimate for the groundworks to take electricity from the supply over to the new area.

5. Greenside outdoor exercise equipment – feedback, discussion, actions

An article was in the September newsletter which produced only one response to ask for it to be a car park.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed all the outdoor gym equipment be removed.

6. Primrose Hill Play Area – feedback from article, discussion, actions

An article was in the September newsletter asking for input on new items of equipment, no responses came in. The Clerk and Deputy Clerk had chosen some items and had a concept drawing done by one play company, this had an estimate of £65,500.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed for officers to go out and obtain additional concept drawings and prices from other companies which are viable for the space. These could then be put in the newsletter and on display boards with QR codes asking for feedback.

7. Millennium Green – proposals for future projects for discussion and action

**Resolved:** Committee agreed the Lancashire Wildlife Trust work on the meadows at £1295.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed for the purchase and professional erection of bird and bat boxes - £2350 for the boxes, the erection costs were unknown at this stage.

Clerk to look into contractors which could maintain the pond area and do annual works such as clearing out undesirable seeded plants.

**Resolved:** Committee agreed to the purchase and planting of ten specimen trees, some English Oaks and other specialist native trees.

Advice on types of trees, locations, planting methods etc would need to be obtained for most of these works.

Members discussed the areas most affected by the clearing of Ash trees recently and what might be done with the areas – Agenda item.

#### 8. Millennium Green – discussion about signage

Members discussed why there is no signage currently, what might signage contain and how this might be conveyed, understood and adhered to.

It was suggested a template byelaw may assist forming ideas and links to the same will be passed to the Clerk and a suggested model circulated for thoughts.

#### 10. Any other items which need attention or research

Members had seen a string on social media about a child at the skate park – Clerk confirmed this has not been sent to the Council.

A member requested picnic seating on Balshaw Lane play area – Agenda item.

A member suggested a nature trail on the Millennium Green. Clerk informed of a summer project she had worked up which will be circulated for thoughts and more information on the nature trail for the green would be sought by the Councillor. Agenda item.

Loop path – update that the material to complete need to be taken by the farmer across his land closer to the works after the growing season. Clerk will obtain a new update.

#### 11. Date for next meeting

23 November 2023, precept for the Committee will be on the agenda.

Chairman closed the meeting.