

MINUTES OF DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL OPEN SPACES AND PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on **Thursday 30th April 2020** at 7pm via ZOOM in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present: Cllrs J Anderson, C Brown, A Crotch (chair), G Everett, K Morgan.
Locum Clerk: Sarah Hunt

1. Apologies.

NONE.

2. Members' declarations of interest and requests for dispensations.

NONE.

3. Questions from the Public.

A Councillor had been approached concerning the progress on the steps at Green Lane to enable access. The meeting confirmed that the access and boardwalk remained scheduled.

4. To consider and review actions taken by DPC in response to CV-19 on its open spaces and future actions that need to be taken.

The meeting noted that Drayton residents had been respectful of the closure of the play equipment in all areas.

It was **AGREED** that no recommendation be made concerning grass cutting and pitch maintenance and that this remain as scheduled. Reseeding/turfing/cutting to go ahead. It was confirmed that the goalposts have been removed at Longdale, new posts to be fitted in due course.

It was confirmed that the 3G maintenance contract continues. The installation of a tarpaulin on that surface would cause damage.

It was **AGREED** that the Summer maintenance of all pitches to continue as contracted. Re-opening of all equipment and facilities was discussed and recommendations **AGREED**.

5. To consider recommendations to Full Council at the May 2020 meeting with regard to the financial support that the Council can provide to hirers.

Councillors reviewed a list of hirers, annual anticipated receipts and considered use of the facilities.

It was **AGREED** that members felt it was a duty for the Parish Council to offer short term support for local teams and organisations to ensure that clubs and sports facilities continue after lockdown and on an ongoing basis for residents. These facilities provide community opportunities as well as supporting health and wellbeing.

The recommendations over charges were discussed and **AGREED**.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Clerk be given delegated authority to make any necessary decisions regarding Open Spaces and Property to ensure compliance to national guidelines during the Covid-19 period.
2. That the Clerk work with Carl Brown to draw up risk assessments/safety checks as necessary to enable facilities to re-open when directed by national policy. CB/CLERK
List to include – Safety inspection of all equipment and buildings. Risk Assessments to be up to date for all buildings/equipment.
3. That the Clerk be given delegated authority to agree the use of Council buildings or facilities to enable Covid-19 support within the Parish if the Council is approached. Any approval by

Clerk to ensure that staff are operating in a safe environment and remain protected. A deep clean would be necessary after use.

4. That:

Absolute Leisure be not charged for the fourth quarter of the contract (March, April, May) whilst the 3g pitch is not open. That this be reviewed in June.

Drayton Youth Team fees be reviewed in July/August prior to the commencement of the next season.

M C Rovers fees be reviewed in July/August prior to the commencement of the next season.

Cricket Club to be charged pro-rata when cricket commences only.

Bowls Club to be charged on a pro-rata when the Bowls commence only.

The meeting closed at 7.56pm. Next date to be set by Chair/Clerk.

Signed:

Date: 7th May 2020