**CAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2020 AT 6.30PM IN THE COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

**PRESENT:** F Poulter (Chair), J Fulcher (Vice), M Clifton,

**APOLOGIES**: C Carter

**IN ATTENDANCE:**  L Biddle (Deputy)

1. **To receive and accept apologies for absence.**

ACCEPTED apologies from Cllr Carter.

1. **To receive declarations of interest or requests for dispensations**

None

1. **To receive any questions, statements or submissions from members of the public in attendance**

None

1. **Approve and sign minutes of the meeting held December 2019 as a correct record.**

Approved.

1. **To note any matters arising from the minutes and not covered by agenda Items, for information only**

None.

1. **Allotments – Receive allotment report, comments from Chair and agree any resulting actions.**

2 non-payers have now paid which only leaves 1 outstanding.

Handyman to repair standpipe boxes.

1. **Agree to Maggi Brown attending the allotment holders meeting on Tuesday 11th February as guest speaker. Agree to pay £25 costs and decide on donation to the Soil Society.**

AGREED to cover expenses from the allotment budget and match fund a donation of £25 to the soil society.

1. **Agree allotment holders meeting invitation and distribution.**

Display posters in allotment noticeboards, share via email to allotment holders and on social media.

Change the heading to say if you live in Cam and would like to take on allotment, please come along…’ and display in Tesco and possibly gazette.

1. **Rackleaze Nature Reserve – To discuss contract for 2020/21 and agree actions.**

Concerned about value for money and the purpose of Rackleaze – not just for now but also in future bearing in mind the potential development. There needs to be some protection for the wildlife at the far end but recognition that the top end is pedestrian access.

Quarterly payment to be paid on receipt of works report, as per contract.

Clerk to arrange a meeting with Stroud Valleys Project to discuss future works.

1. **Play Areas –**
   1. **To receive monthly play inspection reports and agree any actions.**

Monitor the wooden climbing frame at Cam Green.

* 1. **To note start date for scrub clearance at Jubilee parking area - Thursday 20, Friday 21 and Monday 24 February by Copse and Loggers of Stroud**

Noted

* 1. **To note progress on the replacement fence at the rear of Jubilee Playing Fields.**

C H Stokes no longer trading. Contract to be awarded to the second option from last meeting, D Howes.

1. **To discuss the Year One action plan and development proposal for Jubilee Fields and agree actions.**

Questioned the need to fence in the skate park and whether this amount of money would be better spent on other play equipment.

Discussion around position of children’s play area. Amend Fiona’s map to show wider hedge area and no equipment near the house holders boundary.

Remove reference to Cherry blossom.

1. **Discuss application to the Woodland Trust for free tree packs. identify land to plant trees within the R&L remit.**

AGREED to apply for hedging at Jubilee to fill in the boundary hedge.

AGREED to apply for a Small copse pack – Rowan trees to go along the boundary by house holders. Silver birch to be planted along the back perimeter fence and wild cherry to go along the edge of the second entrance car park to form a barrier.

1. **To discuss proposal from Fair Shares to use the Jubilee Field for accessible walks, consider request to open pavilion and agree resulting actions.**

Committee AGREED to support this group in principal and welcomed the idea of planned accessible walks around Jubilee. More detail is need on the frequency and where any other venues contribute to costs. Deputy to reply and request further information for February’s meeting.

1. **Budget update**

Accepted.

1. **Any further R&L issues for information or referral only**

With no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 21:15pm.