

**MINUTES OF LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th APRIL 2024 AT
MILLFIELDS PAVILLION MILL WAY NEEDINGWORTH AT 7.55 PM**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Pearce (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr E MacPherson
Cllr S Mortlock
Cllr A Whyte

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

24. To Receive Apologies for Absence.
Cllr M Williamson - personal
25. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2024.
Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr Whyte) 4 in favour, 1 abstention.
26. Millfield's
 - (i) To consider quotes for delineator bollards for Millfield's car park.
A discussion took place concerning whether or not the bollards would be targeted to "knock down" as they would only be surface mounted.
It was agreed that speed humps would be a better deterrent against anti-social behaviour. Humps to be installed along central line of the car park and at the bottom of the slope entrance.
Resolved: That 11 3m packs of speed humps be purchased from street solutions at a cost of £885.39. Cil funds to be used. (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr MacPherson) all in favour.
 - (ii) To consider email regarding fees Needingworth cricket club.
Chairman stated that this was an ongoing debate but whilst the cricket season is shorter than football the length of a cricket match is longer and ground preparation is required all season.
Cllr Mortlock felt that the Council had no knowledge of the clubs' finances and accounts would have been useful, but that said the Council cannot operate the facility at a loss. Cllr MacPherson and Fountain felt that no evidence was shown of the club being proactive in respect of fund raising.
Cllr Whyte spoke to say that Council discounted last season and that the club had all summer to raise additional funds.
Resolved: That the fees stand as advised (Prop Cllr Whyte 2nd Cllr Fountain) All in favour.
 - (iii) To consider request from Needingworth Colts for a reduction in fees for 2023/24 season.
Members felt that it was unreasonable to blame the weather over which nobody has control.
Cllr Mortlock said that as Council had already not charged for a pitch the club were getting a good deal.
Cllr Whyte spoke regarding same situation last season when the club spent in the region of £2000 on hiring the outdoor pitches at St Ives and then could not pay the Parish Council. Clerk spoke to say that the request did not make note of the training use of Millfield's. She also confirmed that the seasons cost was advised at the start of the season.

Resolved: That the seasons fees of £1660.58 are to stand. (Prop Cllr Whyte, 2nd Cllr McPherson) All in favour.

27. Items to report.

- Cllr Pearce advised that on Sunday the back door was left open and the Clerk that the lights were left on.

Being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Chairman.
Date