



**Kennington Parish Council
Oxfordshire
Notes of the online Playing Fields Committee meeting on
20 January 2021 at 7:30 pm**

Present: Mr. Baker Cllr. Feather Cllr. Smith Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham Mr. Crouch Mr. Babbs
Mr. Robins

In Attendance: Rachel Brown (Clerk)

39.20 APOLOGIES – Mr. Bunt

40.20 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS – None

41.20 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Committee resolved to sign minutes of the meeting on 18 November 2020 as a true record.

42.20 EXPENDITURE REPORT

Budget for Playing Fields Committee 2020-21	£29,675.00
Income to 18 November 2020	£1,688.46
Expenditure to 18 November 2020	£18,233.00
Remaining budget as at 18 November 2020 (including £12,500 in EMR for pavilion project)	£13,130.46

Income since 18 November 2020

None

Expenditure since 18 November 2020

Payment ref. 2020/...	Playing Fields Budget	
DD	EDF Energy Ltd Pavilion gas Oct-Nov	£11.36
133	St John's College Forest Side rent Dec-March	£462.50
136	Calber Facilities Management Ltd. Weekly cleaning of Playfield Rd pavilion in August	£112.08
138	Timpsons Extra keys for green salt storage container	£10.00
138	Ethical Superstore Handwash for pavilions	£33.40
140	AWBS Ltd. Gravel for Playfield Rd near memorial field gate	£14.32
141	BGG Garden & Tree Care Ltd Forest Side, Playfield Rd and The Links grass cutting November	£195.00
142	Grundon Waste Management Ltd Wheelie bins for November	£74.47
DD	EDF Energy Ltd Pavilion gas Nov-Dec	£5.68
152	Holden & Parker Ltd. Playfield Rd pavilion annual gas check	£70.83
153	Eurooffice Ltd. Hand towels and toilet tissue for pavilions	£71.47

154	Grundon Waste Management Ltd Wheelie bins for December	£102.72
TOTAL SPEND TO 20 JANUARY 2021		£1,163.83

Remaining budget for 2020-21 **£11,966.63**
(including £6,402 in EMR for the pavilion project)

43.20 NEW ISSUES

A The fire extinguisher services were undertaken this week.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Display fire safety certificates at the pavilions when they arrive

B Clerk met with a personal trainer at the beginning of December with a view to hiring the pavilion for a post-natal exercise class, but has not heard anything further. Classes would be unable to take place while the national lockdown is in place, but this may be a regular booking in the future.

C Email from Norm Robins explaining that he was planning to split the funds in the Kennington Cricket Club account between the parish council and Wolvercote Cricket Club. There were no objections to this.

D A permanent outdoor table tennis table has been ordered for Forest Side, which is being funded by Table Tennis England and Vale of White Horse District Council. The parish council will pay for its installation using CIL funds, and bats and balls will be provided for the parish council with a hope that we can hold an event when allowed to do so. It was queried whether the twin fly at Playfield Rd could be replaced with a table tennis table if the one at Forest Side is successful.

44.20 CONTINUING ISSUES

A Clerk is struggling to find companies who can undertake maintenance on the BMX track as the company who built it and maintained it in the past has been liquidated and the clerks from other parishes have been unable to recommend anyone. It was suggested that the district council may be able to advise, as there is a track near the leisure centre in Abingdon.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact Leisure Team at district council for advice on BMX track maintenance

B There was a query from the last meeting over the outfield being rolled in time for the cricket season to start, and whether there will be an overlap between the end of the football season and the start of the cricket season, however it is not yet known what will happen with the remainder of the football season due to the lockdown. The grounds person employed by the football club will be back in February/March so it will be arranged for members of the cricket club to attend the meeting as well to discuss.

ACTION FOR MR BAKER – Arrange meeting with Groundsman and Cricket Club in Feb/March

C Due to the national lockdown, the pavilions are not in use and the football club is not currently playing. The adult gym is closed although the children's play areas can remain open.

D The committee had been due to discuss the hire charges for the football club for 2021, but this will be delayed until more is known about the length / effect of the lockdown.

45.20 PLAYFIELD ROAD PAVILION PROJECT

The arboricultural survey was submitted to the Planning Department but the Tree Officer has raised a concern with the potential effect on the oak tree on the boundary between the memorial field and the

play area. It was suggested that the building could be moved an additional 2m away from the boundary, however this would result in losing two parking spaces and creating a larger space behind the building, which may encourage antisocial behaviour, as well as increased cost to the council for the architect to draw up nine new plans. The arboricultural report notes that the proposed pavilion building would intrude by 8% into the estimated root protection area (RPA); and concludes that the tree will tolerate the proposed new building and that the impact will not significantly affect the ability to successfully retain the tree. Following a discussion with Cllrs. Charlett and Feather, the clerk requested that the plans remain the same. The architect has already undertaken an additional three days' work on this project so has asked to submit additional fees to reflect this.

ACTION FOR CLERK – Contact district councillors to make them aware of the issues and ask for this to be taken to committee, if necessary

46.20 ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS

47.20 Cllr. Mrs. Buckingham expressed her thanks for the gravel by the memorial field gate, which has made a difference. There were white goal posts lodged behind a tree near the permanent goal which could have been pulled down by someone. These are usually locked up against the storage container, so Mr Baker will ask someone to investigate this. There are also bits of metal lying in the undergrowth on the far side of the field, which needs tidying up before spring.

48.20 Mr. Robins – there is a fridge in the garage at Playfield Rd, which is making it difficult to get the machinery in and out of the garage. This belongs to the men's football team and will need moving before spring. A draft agreement has been drawn up in relation to ownership of the equipment in the garage which belongs to Kennington Cricket Club. This has been agreed by Wolvercote Croquet Club and needs to be agreed by the parish council.

49.20 Mr. Crouch has purchased a roller for Wolvercote Cricket Club. The club is still planning for cricket to resume as normal this summer, as they were able to play socially distanced cricket last year. It is unlikely that the pavilion and changing rooms will be used.

50.20 ANY MATTERS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Replacing twin fly with table tennis table in the future

Next planned meeting Wednesday 17 March at 7:30pm

Meeting closed at 8:03 pm

Signed **Dated**