



Minutes of the Youth and Leisure Committee Meeting held Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 7pm in the Valley Ridge Community Centre.

**Approved at the Youth and Leisure Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 6th August 2024**

**Present:** Councillor M. Eyre, Councillor V. Land, Councillor L. Eyre, Councillor H. Richardson, Councillor C. Pearson, Councillor J. Almond, Councillor G. Cobb, Councillor D. Martin, A. Pickersgill and D Meir (Clerk).

**013/YL/2425 Apologies**

- a. To note apologies received  
Apologies were received from Councillor H. Foley, Councillor J. Purcell and Councillor J. Mawson.
- b. To approve any reasons for absence  
It was resolved to approve the reasons for absence.

**014/YL/2425. To Note any Declarations of Interest**

- a. To note declarations interests not already declared under members code of conduct or members register of disclosable pecuniary interests  
None
- b. To approve dispensation requests  
None received.

**015/YL/2425. Public Participation**

Members of the public who wish to speak regarding an item within the remit of the Youth and Leisure Committee may do so.

PLEASE NOTE: Total time limit for this item is 10 minutes

None present

**016/YL/2425. Meeting Minutes**

- a. To approve minutes of the meeting of the Youth and Leisure Committee held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.  
It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Youth and Leisure Committee held 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024 as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**017/YL/2425. Kippax Common**

- a. To receive an update on the installation of the play area  
The playground is complete except the wildflower seeds which will be planted in September, the trees which will be planted in November and the street furniture which are waiting to be installed by LCC.
- b. To receive a report on the damage to the play equipment and agree any actions  
It was reported that the trampoline had been damaged within the first week and a quote of £300 for the part and the tool needed to fix it has been provided by the supplier. Discussions are being held with LCC about whether the repair can be funded from the annual maintenance funding to

be provided or the contingency funding. **It was resolved** to approve funding it from the project contingency funding and to ask that it is completed as a matter of urgency due to health and safety concerns.

A missing bolt from the swing has been replaced by the supplier free of charge, but the damaged paint work has not been touched up.

- c. To receive an update on the proposal to add playground markings to the new playground path  
A site meeting will be arranged to look at this. It was reported that Kippax Community Club has offered to provide £300 towards the cost of the markings.
- d. To receive an update on the funding of £820 from Spring Fibre for the cost of the playground wildflower seeds.  
The funding has now been paid into the Parish Council's bank account.
- e. To receive update on the £5K grant application from the Freemasons.  
A response is awaited.
- f. To consider quotes for a commemorative plaque and make recommendation to full council.  
To defer to full council.
- g. To review the playground opening event and agree any actions  
It was reported that the event went well despite the weather and no actions are required.
- h. To receive an update on the management of Kippax Common from Kippax Athletic Junior Football Club.  
An update on the work being carried out by the football club to improve the grass and drainage on the pitches was received. It was reported that all the pitches will also be reseeded next year with better quality grass.  
It was reported that some of the ruts in the car park area, caused by the fairground at the Gala have been filled in. The area has been inspected by LCC and they will complete further remedial work.  
The football club has also requested to do some remedial work to the changing rooms so they can be used until they get demolished. It is also proposed to cut back the bushes and mark out the spaces in the car park. A sign to let people know when the car park will be locked will also be requested.  
LCC has not yet put up the goal posts so the football club will look into getting a contractor to do it. It was also reported that the football club are also proposing to use the area used by the fair at the Gala as a development pitch for next year.

#### **018/YL/2425. Gala and Scarecrow Festival.**

- a. To receive an update on the Ward Cllrs contribution to the Gala.  
It was reported that Ward Councillors have agreed to fund half the cost and that it will be progressed when time allows.
- b. To review the event and consider any suggestions for next year's event  
The event was reviewed, and it was noted that Councillors personal gazebos were being used at events therefore it was suggested that the council purchase a gazebo with sides for the First Aid and a second one to provide shelter for the caretaker whilst managing the car park. Councillor M. Eyre to get prices for the next meeting.  
It was noted that the fairground was very expensive, and it was proposed that more Breeze and other activities are provided, and more community groups are invited next year.
- c. To consider and approve the date for next year's Gala as Saturday 14th June 2025  
**It was resolved** to approve the date for next years Gala as Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2025, as Breeze can provide more on that date.
- d. To consider and approve the dates of next Year's Scarecrow Festival as Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

**It was resolved** to approve the dates of next Year's Scarecrow Festival as Friday 13th June to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025

- e. To consider and approve inviting the same vendors to next year's event.  
**It was resolved** to approve inviting Jay's Pizza and Bechamel Kitchen to next year's event and to allow them to provide whatever food they want to.

**019/YL/2425. Other community events 2024**

- a. To receive an update on the bookings for the summer tennis sessions.  
**It was reported** that the sessions are fully booked and that over twelves are asking for sessions, so it was agreed to look to provide more sessions next year.
- b. To review the D Day 80 Beacon Lighting event and agree any actions  
**It was reported** that the event went well except for issues with the sound for Viva Vox as there was only two microphones, so will look to provide more at future events.
- c. To consider and approve any arrangements for Halloween and agree any actions.  
**It was resolved** to hold a best dressed house/garden competition for Halloween from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, with four categories of groups, individuals, business and councillor choice. **It was resolved** to provide a £20 gift voucher to each winner. Councillor Eyre will ask the post office if they would like to donate them.  
**It was resolved** that Councillor Richardson will organise the map and competition on Facebook. **It was reported** that Great Preston and Allerton Bywater Parish Council's will also run a competition and Swillington Parish Council is considering it.

**020/YL/2425. Brigshaw Lane Tennis Courts**

- a. To receive an update on the repainting of the tennis courts and confirm if the invoice can be paid.  
**Councillor M. Eyre will check if the repainting has been completed.**
- b. To receive information on football being played on the tennis courts and consider the proposal to put football posts on the adjacent grassed area  
**It was reported** that tennis nets are being taken down to play football on the courts therefore it is proposed that football posts are put on the adjacent grassed area. A response is awaited from Ward Councilor's to see if they support it and if they will provide funding. If their support is received a letter will be distributed to nearby households seeking their views on the proposal.

**021/YL/2425. Next meeting**

- a. To notify the Clerk/Proper Officer of matters for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting  
**None**
- b. To confirm date of the next meeting of the Youth and Leisure Committee as Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7pm  
**It was resolved** to confirm the date of the next meeting of the Youth and Leisure Committee as Tuesday 6th August 2024 at 7pm

Signed: *M Eyre*

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024