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Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee

11th September 2025. Wembury Village Hall.

The meeting was opened at 19:00

1. Present

Cllr Cox (Chair), Andy Cammack, James Friend, Cllr Stewart, Anne Towill (Clerk) arrived at 19:40.

Members of the Public: 1

2. Apologies

Cllr Walrond, Cllr Stansell, Adam King

3. Declarations of Interests

None

4. Public Comments

One member of the public was present and expressed gratitude to the committee for their hard work in maintaining the Recreation Ground facility.

5. Management Plan Update

The Committee reviewed the management plan.

- Adam King has reported that the pruning of the felled elm was to be done later in the season. James Friend wondered if this was necessary as the regrowth would be less likely to be infected.
- Awaiting cost for the replacement silver birches in due course.

6. SHDC and Allianz Inspection Reports

- James will identify and utilise an environmentally safe weed killer on trim trail path weeds if possible. Alternatively, we will ask the new gardening contractor who may need a 'spraying' certification to do this.
- Missing plank on the zip wire will be filled by a 2" board.
- James has chased the welder who will need to rectify the rust issue on the skateboard ramps but has been unable to find an alternative contractor to do this work.
- James will dry and paint the rusty surfaces by the end of October 2025.
- Three committee members (including the Clerk) are now trained for the weekly maintenance checks of the park and share this responsibility. Cllr Nix is also to be shown the process in due course.

7. Friends of Wembury Recreation Ground

Although there has been some work achieved by the group, we are still seeking a 'lead' volunteer to coordinate alongside the Clerk. Advertising has gone out this week.

8. Policy Update

The risk assessment has been updated in light of new government recommendations. This highlighted a potential risk near the school gate entrance to the pathway.

- The committee recommend obtaining quotes for small additional fencing and to ask Responsible Financial Officer to obtain quotes when possible.
- The gateway to access the landing site has also been blocked on occasions by vehicles and agree to purchase a small No Parking sign to mitigate loss of access.
- To mitigate against vehicular access to the park via the end of the car park which only has low fencing, it was also recommended that Parklife should be asked to install additional hedging (trees could be sourced free of charge)

9. Pavilion Update

Cllr Stewart gave an update on the pavilion project and highlighted the increase in interest around the plans from the community. There have been a number of emails from residents which the Clerk is trying to respond to around her existing workload and statutory commitments. There are a mixture of negative and positive comments.

The Pavilion working group meeting had been well attended with both positive and negative feedback from those present and some interesting conversations and ideas had come out of this. The working group had begun to meet with local consultees including the Village Hall committee. Next Pavilion Working group meeting (23rd September) will discuss next steps including further community consultation.

10. Any Other Business

- There are 2 football teams interested in using Wembury Recreation Ground for training and matches. Full proposals will be considered at Wembury Parish Council Meetings. Wembury Recreation Ground Committee approve the idea in principle.
- The gardening contract for the Recreation Ground and parish verges is under review. There have been a number of contractors who have submitted proposals to the Council which will be considered at the September Wembury Parish Council meeting. The contract will commence on 1st October.
- Grass cutting has continued throughout the season.
- A member of the public has submitted a written request to review the results of the Wembury Recreation Ground Survey regarding trim trail equipment from 2022. The committee reviewed the survey which had pulled a small response from the community (75 out of 1850 households). Of these responses, less than one third would be likely to use the equipment weekly.
In 2022 Wembury Parish Council had resolved to pause the project to install trim trail equipment due to the need to get existing assets to a

better standard first, the staff workload and new staff members. Funding for any such equipment would need to be from grants. Feedback currently is that significant progress has been made in other areas of maintenance. However, in view of limited capacity to reconsult on this matter currently, the Committee resolved to review this further in due course.

- James Friend suggested that the council should consider a bench to provide seating for those observing those using the MUGA. The committee recommended the Responsible Financial Officer obtain quotes for a 'perch' bench.
- Cllr Stewart asked for an update on nets for the basketball hoops – this was being progressed by the Responsible Financial Officer.
- A quote from Sutcliffe for replacement of the broken toddler swing is being established and would be brought to council on 29th September for consideration. The relatively high costs were discussed, and it was identified that in order to remain compliant with safety requirements a Sutcliffe replacement was essential.
- Another member of the public had suggested that a softer surface should be considered for the MUGA. However, the surface is still in good condition and more suitable for its current use (football/basketball), than a soft or crumb surface would provide.
- The clerk reported that the recent tree survey had not identified any significant issues. Quotes were being sought for the recommendations identified.
- Line marking had been improved in the car park at a very low cost and the same technique can be used for other markings as needed.
- The Committee resolved to reconsult with the community on longer term plan for the Recreation Ground in due course.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 20th November at 7 p.m. (subject to room booking at this stage)

12. The meeting was closed 20.20

Note: Drafted by Cllr Cox, edited by the Clerk.



Anne Towill
Clerk to the Council