

**FIRST MEETING OF OUTDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION
(OS & R) COMMITTEE**

20TH SEPTEMBER 2019

DRAFT MINUTES

Members of the Committee present:

Scott Ronayne, Anita Manning, Karen Rainbird, Helen Pluck, Felix Oliver, Tracy Hudson, Mel True, Alfie True, Lynda Tracy, Ian Urwin, Vanessa Knight, Jo Pitt.

WHO	DISCUSSION/STATEMENT	ACTION
	Cllr Urwin proposed and Cllr Oliver seconded the proposal that Jo Pitt be the Chair of this committee (for the present) as agreed in Parish Council	
Chair	Told everyone that the meeting was being recorded and that there would be a section for public statements. Anyone who wished to join the committee was encouraged to do so and confirmed that there was no selection process only the request that anyone joining did so prepared to commit to the committee as it would not just be for this meeting. The Terms of Reference (TOR) were read out with the proviso that these would need to be adjusted as part of this meeting.	
Public	Cllr Saunders stated from the public area that the TOR incorrect and that he had never seen these.	
Chair	Responded that he may have forgotten but she had asked the Chair of the Parish Council (PC) for confirmation this morning and she confirmed that it was in the minutes that she had read these out. There had been no comment or request for re-wording and the minutes had been agreed.	
Public	Cllr Saunders restated that he had never heard them and that JP should go back to the PC and get all of this changed as Committees cannot make any decisions.	
Public	Cllr Oliver agreed that he had never heard of or seen the TOR	
Public	A member of the public wanted to a copy of the minutes to prove that the PC had discussed this.	
Public	This is the 2 nd public meeting and the 1 st public meeting had predetermined that a skatepark and a MUGA had been agreed. The survey was shown and it was stated that no other item was	

	mentioned apart from a skatepark. Evidence had been requested and the failure to produce this at 2 meetings meant that he had lost faith in the chair. He proposed that there should be a vote of no confidence in the chair and that she should be removed.	
Public	Not strongly against a skatepark if the need can be proved. The survey that was sent out only received a small proportion of answers from the village so the figures do not prove the requirement by the village. As so few replied could it be said that the others do not want anything on the Charity Meadow (CM). At the moment I don't believe that the case is proved.	
Chair	Stated that plans were on hold so that this meeting can begin to plan a way forward.	
Public	A new survey is required	
Public	We need a clear definition of what the 106 money can be used for.	
Chair	This is nominated for Outdoor Sports and Recreation (see MSDC). There is no plan at the moment but there is a lease from Gislingham United Charity (GUC) allocated to a skatepark with the total recreation area planned area behind the school property. However a lot of research will be needed.	
Public	The plants are protected and should not be dug up. Suffolk Wildlife are interested in these plans.	
Chair	When we are planning this will be taken into account and we will obtain advice from Suffolk Wildlife.	
Public	Cllr Saunders (also a member of GUC) disputed that the skatepark had a lease for that piece of land.	
Chair	Stated that this was the case and that she had confirmed this was correct.	
Public	Cllr Saunders agreed that the lease will need to be changed and paid for.	
Public	A formal request under FOI rules was made requesting that Gislingham PC produce every piece of information and every discussion, formal and informal. These all to be provided within 20 days starting from now.	

Public	Debated whether this was a Committee or a Sub Committee. The calling notice had said Sub Committee but was now being called a Committee.	
Chair	Confirmed it was a Committee and apologised if there had been an error on the calling notice. Cllr Oliver stated that he believed he had joined a Sub Committee and not a Committee.	
Public	Why is it being planned behind our houses?	
Chair	Replied that the plan for this position which is behind the school and well back from the houses, was for a number of reasons. Ambulance access, cost of production greatly reduced if materials not taken across the CM, protect the whole of the CM from being damaged by traffic. A lot of effort had already gone into creating an area that didn't offend the local residents or the dog walkers etc. Research and local findings show that anti social behaviour does not increase as a result of developing OS & R	
Public	Eye skatepark has been closed because of anti social behaviour.	
Public	How close are the other skateparks in the area to houses. In his experience skateparks are linked to anti social behaviour.	
Public	This Sub Committee should be cancelled and it should be taken back to the Parish Council. No confidence in this chair.	
Chair	The public statement section is now closed. We have some decisions that we need to consider tonight: Can we plan a timetable that we can publish to the village ? Are we planning to go back to the village with a new questionnaire ? If we are then that should perhaps be the first timetable that we can publish ?	
KR	Planning on the questionnaire should consider how many people there are in each household.	
HP	We should proceed with care and establish the facts of how we got here. We need to consider all of this issue is of great concern. Is this right for Gislingham ? There is not sufficient evidence. We need to have the facts and arrange another meeting. We need to start with the survey results from 2011 and all surveys since. We need the legal position around the lease. W need to see the section 106 money and a full report to set out these facts.	

Chair	Background information can be made available at the next meeting.	
HP	Said that the background information would be needed to make decisions so that all of the background information would be required in 2 weeks so that every member could consider this fully before the next meeting.	
KR	Wants another survey and to review the facts. Go back to the public and review the percentage of public who respond. Would like the background. My children have now grown up.	
HP	This began in 2011 but didn't get funding? Insisted that material was provided well before the next meeting	
AM	How long do we have the 106 money for? And why the hurry?	
Chair	I don't know at the moment and will need to check. The 'hurry is because a lot of time will be needed for planning and if there is a requirement for an OS & R then it will need to be built at the beginning of the school holidays to allow access.	
TH	Wants the process to move forward but agrees with KR and HP and wants information.	
HP	Proposed that everything stopped until information had been received and then to discuss moving forward. 8 voted for this proposal and 3 were against with 1 abstention	
KR	Believes that decisions are needed with a confident path and it needs positivity.	
Chair	Requested the Cllr Urwin read out a statement received via the Neighbour app re Rickinghall skatepark. Wooden ramps were fitted in 2000 and are now coming to the end of their life. Little kids run up and down, At different times radio controlled cars use it. BMX riders, scooter riders and skateboarders all use this facility in harmony and share in a courteous manner. It is believed that at least 2 of the skateboards come from Gislingham.	
Chair	We will need to meet at least once a month and it needs to be in a public space. The public can come but their input will be limited.	
KR	So we will not meet behind closed doors	
HP	Hopefully not Friday night meetings. Perhaps meeting at 7pm at the school.	

KR	No children should be allowed to the next meeting.	
HP	Wants information and doesn't want children present even though the chair wants to encourage children. Does this attitude exclude the elderly. Don't just base it on children. Sports and Recreation means everyone, it's public 106 money	
MT	This is a shame with everything put on a back burner. The chair said at the beginning that a new survey was needed and has been attacked since.	
HP	We have to show the committee the previous surveys.	
KR	Surveys have to be worked out carefully so nothing is happening yet.	
Chair	What we have agreed then is that the background information needs to be given to the committee 2 weeks before the next meeting so we are looking at the possibility of another meeting on the 28 th October at 7pm with the venue to be e mailed to committee members.	
Chair	With thanks to Vanessa Knight who kindly stepped in to assist as a clerk and I have typed this up to the best of my ability	
	<p>Post meeting notes</p> <p>1 The minutes for the PC meeting when the TOR were read out were found by Cllrs Saunders and Oliver.</p> <p>2 The FOI request was passed to the PC with these minutes so that although a member of the public said that the time started at the time of this meeting (above) it could not as the PC were not informed. FOI requests should go to the person/group who are to supply information in writing so perhaps the person concerned could follow up this e mail with a written request to the PC.</p> <p>3 The retrieval of all of the background information and the creation of a full report cannot be produced in 2 weeks so this will be worked on and all committee members will be advised when and it what format this is available.</p> <p>As the committee has decided that it requires this before it can make any decisions the planned meeting will have to be deferred until the information has been delivered to the satisfaction of the committee.</p> <p>4 I have already advised the Chair of the Parish Council that I resigned from this committee on the 21st September 2019 but that I would put together the material required as a non committee member.</p>	
	Date of next meeting: To be advised	

