

**Bourton-on-the-Water Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a meeting of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee Meeting**  
**held at 6.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
**in the Salmonsbury Room, The George Moore Community Centre**

**Those Present:** Cllr L Hicks (Chairman), Cllrs L Launchbury, M Samuel, B Wragge and J Wareing.

**In Attendance:** Vanessa Oliveri, Committee Clerk.

**Members of Public:** None present.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Received from Cllr S Coventry and Maya Samuel, Member of the Youth Parliament for North Cotswolds and Stroud.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest:** None received.
- 3) **The minutes of the Youth & Wellbeing Committee held on Monday 25th September 2023 –** were received and unanimously approved as an accurate record of the meeting by the committee members and signed by the Chairman. The committee agreed for an agenda item to be included for the next YWB meeting to appoint a Vice-Chairman.
- 4) **Public Session:** None present.
- 5) **Maya Samuel, Member of the Youth Parliament for North Cotswolds and Stroud –** Not present at the meeting but would report to the next YWB committee meeting.
- 6) **Matters arising:**
  - a) **Bench at Rye Crescent recreation ground:** The committee unanimously agreed to have the Parish Council's spare bench to be located at Rye Crescent in the Spring.
  - b) **Disabled Toilet Posters:** Cllr Hicks agreed to ask Cheltenham Trade of Commerce permission to use a copy of their disabled toilet posters in the village.
- 7) **Finance:** The committee received the current Health & Wellbeing and Play Areas-Youth Cost Centre Summary Report and Detailed Cost Centre Summary Reports (Papers 1a, b & c).
- 8) **Earmarked Reserves:** The committee received the Earmarked Reserves for YWB (Paper 2).
- 9) **YWB Budget:** The committee noted that a further budget making meeting had been arranged for the Chairman and committee members to go through the YWB budget for 2024/25 with the Clerk.
- 10) **Build Back Better Fund:** To consider ideas for funding and determine any suitable projects.
  - a) The committee received prices of the provision and the installation of multi gym outdoor equipment and outdoor table tennis tables for Melville recreation ground. The committee agreed to Cllr Launchbury going through the information received and select the required items for the site. Once the committee had approved the selected items then the Committee Clerk could apply for grant funding through the Build Back Better fund.
- 11) **Youth:**
  - a) **Play Rangers:** The committee noted that a meeting had been arranged for Cllr Hicks, Cllr Launchbury, Cllr Samuel and Katie from Play Rangers for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10 am at the GMCC. This was to go through the Play Rangers sessions in depth and to discuss the provision of food at the Play Rangers sessions held in the village.
  - b) **Youth Club:**
    - i. Cllr Launchbury reported that the new venue for the youth club in the village was a good venue and confirmed that the youth storage shed had now been relocated.
    - ii. Cllr Launchbury updated the committee that the senior session of the youth club in the village was not having any attendance now, whilst the younger session was still in good attendance. Cllr Launchbury reported that Stow-on-the-Wold's youth club was running successful with around fifty per cent of the attendance being from residents of Bourton-on-the-Water. Cllr Launchbury agreed to communicate with the people who run the Stow youth club to see what activities they do and how they promote their youth sessions and agreed to report back to the next YWB meeting. Cllr Launchbury would ask Katie, Play Rangers if they offered any youth services.

- c) **Play Gloucestershire:** The committee received and noted the Play Gloucestershire Report Card – July – September 2023. The committee agreed that this service required more promoting within the village – This would be discussed at the meeting arranged on 8.11.23.
- d) **Play Areas:**
- i. Weekly Inspections: The committee received and noted the weekly inspections reports since the last YWB meeting.
  - ii. The committee received Wicksteed’s annual play inspection dated 28<sup>th</sup> September and noted the actions required. Quotations were being sought to remedy the gaps between the grass matting at The Naight. The committee agreed unanimously for Dave Perry to clean the algae off the grass matting. The committee agreed to the Assistant Clerk sourcing the algae cleaner required.
  - iii. New equipment for Rye Crescent: The committee received prices for new equipment for Rye Crescent from Greenfields. The committee unanimously agreed a working committee meeting was required to select the new equipment for Rye Crescent arising from the consultation held in the summer. Cllrs Hicks, Launchbury and Samuel agreed to attend. Cllr Coventry and James Gardner to also be invited. Date to be arranged on a Tuesday evening before the next meeting. The committee agreed once the specifications/requirements had been decided then the committee clerk could obtain quotations from Greenfields, Playdale and Wicksteed. The committee agreed when all three quotations had been received the committee clerk was to apply for grant funding from The Lottery Grant funding. The Men In Sheds had agreed to make a wooden pirate ship for Rye Crescent play area, which was to be accessible to all. The committee clerk was to find out the British Standards requirements for this item and bring the information to the next YWB meeting. The committee discussed additional recreation ground signage, village map and app – This was to be an agenda item for the next YWB meeting.
  - iv. A quotation had been received from Greenfields to refurbish the multi-play piece of equipment at Rye Crescent at a cost of £7,497.00 plus VAT, and a quotation to remove the item at a cost of £2,103.00 plus VAT. The price for a new piece of wooden equipment of equivalent size was in the region of £14,000.00 plus VAT. The committee unanimously agreed to have the wooden multi-play piece refurbished at the point of when the new equipment for Rye Crescent was to be installed.
  - v. Grass matting at The Naight: Discussed at item 11 d) ii)
- 12) **OPCC Community Fund:** The committee received and noted the information received of the OPCC Community Fund for future consideration.
- 13) **Wellbeing:** Cllr Wareing agreed to have a meeting with Jacqueline Wright and Lisa Spivey, CDC cabinet member, to discuss plans for a ‘Brighter Bourton’ event and would report back to the YWB meeting.
- 14) **Correspondence:** The committee noted an email received from a resident asking when the planned works would be carried out on the MUGA at The Naight. Cllr Hicks reported that Paxweld had not submitted a quotation. The committee agreed that the committee clerk was to contact local mobile welders for a quotation for the two jobs requiring attention (swings and the MUGA at The Naight) as noted in item 16 in the minutes and report back to the next YWB meeting. The committee clerk was to write to the resident informing him of the information above.
- 15) **Items to note:**
- Noise and Light Pollution from the Brewery** – CDC had been made aware of a noise and light pollution issue arising from events being held at Hawkstone Brewery. The committee agreed for the committee clerk to email Lower Slaughter Parish Council informing them of complaints being received and ask if they had received any complaints regarding this issue from their residents.

- 16) **MUGA:** The committee noted that a quotation was awaited from Paxweld to provide additional support structures between the front and rear sections of the goal ends to increase rigidity and therefore minimise flex and the reverberation effects of ball strike (as per the Gordon Playgrounds report). This item was discussed at item 14 of the minutes.
- 17) **Date of Next Meeting:** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 6.30pm in the Salmonsbury Room.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.