**LITTLE MARLOW PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of the COVID-19 Committee Meeting held on Monday 14th September 2020 remotely via Microsoft Teams commencing at 11am

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| **Present:**  Cllr J Downes (JD), Cllr V Brownridge, Cllr K Acres (KA), | | | |
| Mrs J Murray – Parish Clerk | |  | |
| **Minute Ref**: | **Agenda Item** | | **Action** |
| **1901/20** | **1. Apologies for Absence** None | |  |
| **1902/20** | **2. Declarations of interest – pecuniary or prejudicial** None | |  |
| **1903/20** | **3. To review implications of updated COVID 19 guidance published on 9th September 2020 for hall hirers, pre-schools, playground, burial ground, allotments**  Governmental guidance published on 9 September changed the restrictions on the number of people who can meet together – the rule of 6 –with effect from 14 September.  The Committee **RESOLVED**that as indoor exercise classes were allowed to continue to take place with larger numbers present, provided that groups of more than 6 did not mix, the Yoga, Pilates and Thai Chi classes should be allowed to continue provided that they followed the new guidance and that the pre-schools could continue to meet in our halls as they were exempt from the rule of 6.  In all cases, the Committee had seen and were satisfied with the risk assessments produced by the organisations and with the measures they were taking to minimise the spread of the virus. The guidance also strongly advised that activities where there was a significant likelihood of groups mixing and socialising and where it would be difficult to prevent mingling and therefore breaking the law should not take place in a community facility. Examples of such activities included the WI and Book Clubs.  The Committee discussed the implications of the Rule of 6 for the playground and **RESOLVED** that the Clerk should put up signs advising that no more than 6 people could be in the play area at any given time and that she should also write to Little Marlow School to ask them to inform parents.  The Committee **NOTED** that the rule of 6 did not apply to funerals where up to 30 people would still be able to attend, provided they observed the social distancing rules. | |  |
| **1904/20** | **4. To consider return of BESJC to Recreation Ground**  The Committee considered whether, in the light of the new guidance, the BEJSC should still be allowed to return to playing football on the recreation ground from the weekend of 19/20 September. They **RESOLVED** that the football could restart as organised outdoor sport for under 18s was exempt from the rule of 6. The Committee also **RESOLVED** that the BEJSC could keep their equipment in one of the changing rooms which would be kept locked so that it was not touched by anyone else and that the players could use the toilets next to the changing room provided only one person was allowed into the Pavilion at a time to ensure social distancing. | |  |
| **1905/20** | **5. To consider marketing Pavilion**  The Committee **RESOLVED** that we should not actively market the newly refurbished Pavilion while current restrictions were in place. | |  |
| **1906/20** | **6. To consider NALC advice that the Council continues to meet remotely**  The guidance for the safe use of multi-purpose community buildings and for the safe use of Council buildings had also been updated. This continued to recommend that where Council meetings could take place digitally without the need for face to face contact, they should continue to do so. It was highlighted recent guidance from NALC and BMKALC confirmed this. The Committee **RESOLVED to** recommend to full Council to continue to meet remotely.   |  | | --- | |  | | |  |
| **1907/20** | **7. Items of NOTE - None** | |  |
| There being no further business to be transacted the meeting was closed at 11.38 | | | |