

Overton Community Council
Playingfield Committee Meeting
Saturday 20th February 2010 at 10 a.m.

Present: D Burton, D Hughes, R Lawrenson, J Kember, And C Starkey

1. Questions or comments from members of the public: There were none.
2. Apologies - J Maskall and H Toone.
3. To disclose personal and pecuniary interests in item of business to be discussed at the meeting. None were declared.
4. Matters arising from previous minutes

4.1 Waiting for better weather before soil can be spread under the runway, filling in holes.

Action: Mr Loughlin will lift the mats; spread a mixture of sand and soil. Compress the soil, and then replace the mats. This will be carried out after the school holidays in March/April.

4.2 Repair of main hole in fence on Wrexham road. There is evidence that other smaller holes are now being used, particularly one in the Western corner that leads out onto Wrexham road on a bend. Clerk to discuss planting of more hawthorns with Mr Loughlin.

Action: Hawthorns ordered will be planted within the week.

5. Schedule for maintenance work to be carried out on the Football Pavilion and Playingfield areas in Overton

5.4 Extra coat of stain was not applied to the picnic benches in the autumn. This now needs to be done this spring.

Action: The benches had three coats of stain last year.

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5. General review of the state of the Playingfield

5.1 The fence behind the Southern goal on the football field, bordering onto the arable field is now in a bad state of repair. Clerk to discuss with Mr Rosselli who has responsibility for this fence.

Action: The Clerk advised the meeting that the responsibility for the fence lies with the Community Council. The fence has been repaired, but will require replacing at sometime.

5.2 Gates to Playingfield are not being locked. Clerk to investigate.

Action: Due to a change in circumstances the gates will not be locked. It was suggested that they could be closed occasionally to deter motorists leaving their cars there or using the carpark as a meeting place.

5.3 Bark on the play areas needs raking, particularly under the swings. Clerk to request that Mr Loughlin does this ASAP.

Action: The bark has been raked. Mr Loughlin will monitor it and if it compacts too much more bark might be required.

5.4 Soil is needed around the rocking horses to fill in the holes.

Action: Mr Loughlin will lift the mats; spread a mixture of sand and soil. Compress the soil, and then replace the mats. This will be carried out after the school holidays in March/April.

5.5 Alcohol Free Zone sign that the Chairman stapled to the back of the Walks noticeboard has disappeared. Clerk to discuss with PC Evans.

Action: The Clerk has spoken to Wrexham County Borough Council and it is hoped they will supply a replacement.

5.6 The gate to the Millennium Meadow at the Argoed Lane end used to have a chain and padlock, which is now no longer there. Chairman could not recall if the council had removed this. Committee concerned that unauthorised access may be gained. Clerk to check past minutes of Council minutes and if the Council did not decide to remove the padlock and chain, Clerk to purchase new ones.

Action: The Clerk advised that the gate use to be padlocked. A replacement is now in place.

5.7 The question of mowing the meadow was raised. Clerk to ask Wrights Landscapes for a quote and ask Mr Rosselli whom he uses to mow the Bryn-y-Pys Park.

Action: The Clerk is waiting to receive quotes from Contractors.

6. Monitoring of new trees.

6.1 First new tree on left behind the Football Pavilion – tie is very tight

Action: Clerk will check the tie and if necessary loosen.

6.2 It was noted that several trees had dead branches in them. Clerk to check tree report to determine which are to be given attention in the next financial year.

The Clerk read out the following recommendations from the report

65 - Recommendations: Remove hanging branches. Done

84 - Recommendations: No work required.

87 - Recommendations: Consider removing and replacing as part of long-term management of the avenue

89 - Recommendations: No work required.

99 - Recommendations: No work required.

100 - Recommendations: No work required.

102 - Recommendations: No work required.

Tree number 67 is leaning very badly and there is evidence that the roots are lifting on the windward side. Clerk to check tree report regarding this tree. Council to consider propping this tree or at the very least removing some of the lower heaviest boughs on the leeward side. (Note. Some of these boughs are now very long and stretch almost to the path).

Structural Condition: Fair. Stem leans 25 degrees to the northeast. This is a significant lean however there is no indication of instability or lifting of the root plate.

6.3 Last but one of the young trees on the right has been severely pruned. Clerk to check why the lower branches have been cut off.

The Clerk advised that it was not clear who had pruned the tree, but it unlikely to cause damage, just stronger top branches

7. Schedule for maintenance work to be carried out on the Football Pavilion

- 7.1 The garage is still very untidy with tools not hung up, rubbish not cleared. Football club have complained about this to Cllr Lawrenson. Clubs new mower will be arriving this spring and they need space to put this in. Clerk to discuss with Mr Loughlin again.

Action: The garage has been tidy up. There are a few items that require removing, some belong to Mr Loughlin, and other items belong to the football club, Mr Lawrenson and the Police. All have been requested to remove them.

- 7.2 Sophets to the left of garage door need repairing and the squirrel hole needs repairing with a wooden insert. Clerk to request quotes from joiners

Action: This work will be carried out when some of the further maintenance work is carried out.

- 7.3 Window on the north corner has been cracked. Clerk to discuss with Mr Loughlin whether glass from the windows removed from the wall opposite the Scout hut can be used and to get this repair underway.

Action: The window has been replaced.

- 7.4 There is still no trap door for the loft in the Home dressing room. Cllr Lawrenson has agreed to provide one. Clerk to check with Cllr Lawrenson over the price to be charged.

Action: The Clerk advised that no replacement was necessary as hatch was still there.

8. Date of next meeting and agenda items to be discussed.

Saturday May 22nd 2010 at 10.00am

Agenda Items.

- Tree Report update
- Consider more seating for the play area.

Meeting closed at 11.30 am