**Recreation Ground Committee 27th April Chairman’s Update**

Update after meeting

**Uplighters**

It has recently been brought to my attention that pilates and yoga have been using domestic stand alone uplighters to create a more pleasant ambience than the strip lights. It was brought to my attention because Neil Baker, our PAT tester, considered them unsafe.

We have 3 options

1. Users provide replacements
2. The council provide stand alone robust replacements
3. The council provide wall fixed uplighters to each corner.

I believe it is correct that the council provide replacements and preferably fixed wall mounted fittings.

**Proposal** to agree to approve up to £500 from the maintenance budget to provide and install fixed wall uplighters or stand alone units with preference for wall mounted.

I have asked Bob Penny to get a quote for wall mounted units which will hopefully be available for the meeting.

Quote arrived in time for the meeting and was just under £500. RGMC approved purchase with provisio that the lights would be dimmable.

**Pay and Play Booking System**

As part of the s106 agreement WTC were required to review booking arrangements.

Attached is a proposal from the WTC which is aimed at increasing pay and play use both with and without floodlights.

RCMG asked to discuss proposal and if appropriate approve the agreement

RGMC approved agreement

**WUJC Storage Container**

As mentioned at Full council the storage container has been assessed for NNDR at £1000. This would incur a NNDR charge of approx. £400 a year. WUJC are appealing the valuation and it may anyway be below the value to be charged NNDR. RGMC asked to note as WPC pay the business rates on the Rec ground.

Junior football have appealed but also RGMC noted the NNDR value would be below threshold for paying NNDR

**Key Holders**

I think it would be helpful if the Chairman of RGMC had a set of keys – I had a set when I carried out the role previously. In addition we should ensure there is a key register if there is not one already.

Chairman of RGMC now has key and key register to be checked

**Access to Childrens’ Play area.**

I have been informed that recently mothers and children were turned away from the play area as it was being used by one of the keep fit organisers who pay for (exclusive?) use of the equipment. I am seeking whether the equipment was childrens play or the keep fit equipment for adults. Either way I think a discussion and view from RGMC is required as equipment supplied by WPC should be available to residents especially during school holidays.

Matter resolved by caretaker in discussion with user

Noted that WTC and WUJFC although no longer members of the RGMC should be sent agenda and papers to ensure they can fully contribute in the public forum.

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