

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF WINCHCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE HELD AT ABBEY FIELDS COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 7.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2025.

Present: Mr S Maughan (Chair) Mr R Parker Mr R Wakeford
Mr J Mason Ms S Sturgeon The Clerk

1. TO NOTE APOLOGIES. Non-attendance recorded for Cllrs M Lennard and L Gorton.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. None.
3. TO RECEIVE MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING.

Football Goal Posts	Cllr J Mason and a rep from Winchcombe Youth Football Club to schedule date for installation contractors to revisit and re-site.
Maintenance Contract	New contractor has been selected; however current contractor has stated that WTC are bound by their terms until March 2026. The new contractor is happy to wait but there will likely be an increase to their prices. WTC could seek legal advice to explore getting out of current contract early, but this will be costly and not necessarily result in the desired outcome. Playing Fields Committee discussed and agreed to wait until next year to commence to the new contract.
Pump Track	New contractor has been appointed due to failings of previously appointed contractor. Installation to commence October 2025.

4. TO CONSIDER A PROGRAMME OF WORKS TO UPGRADE THE FINCHES PLAYGROUND. Ian Humphries to quote for essential works only and scrub clearance. Conifer reduction quote to be obtained from Chris Arnold Tree Surgery. Quotes for carpet repairs to be obtained, following ROSPA safety inspection recommendations. Clerk to action.
5. TO CONSIDER FINDINGS FROM THE ANNUAL ROSPA INSPECTIONS AND PLAN A PROGRAMME OF REQUIRED WORKS. Repair service for timber equipment. Mood?
6. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE PLAYING FIELDS BUDGET FOR 2025/2026. The Clerk shared a summary to date.
7. SEPARATE BUSINESS. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION: UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, THE PUBLIC BE EXCLUDED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY INVOLVE THE LIKELY DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION AS DEFINED IN PART 1 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE ACT.
8. TO CONSIDER A QUOTATION TO INSTALL A REPLACEMENT FENCE AROUND THE

PUMP TRACK AREA OF WINCHCOMBE PARK.

Discussed reasons for more robust style of fence, security for both park users and Neighbours, and as current stock fence has been subject to cutting and vandalism.

Following review of quotations received members agreed to instruct James Waller subject

to additional information being provided. Clerk to action.

New maintenance contractors to be asked to complete additional tree planting (as per planning conditions) once track installed. Clerk to action.

Longer term potential for bridge over river Isbourne to provide public access – further discussion/exploration required.

9. TO CONSIDER TENDERS RECEIVED AND APPOINT A CONTRACTOR TO INSTALL A

TODDLER PLAY AREA IN WINCHCOMBE PARK.

Members reviewed tender submissions, but had questions around how this could be funded, as the majority of CiL funding has now been committed to possible use for the Old Boys School Youth Centre project. Some money available in Winchcombe Park earmarked reserve and members also discussed possible fundraising/grant opportunities.

Members agreed that £40,000 be designated from Winchcombe Park earmarked reserve to support bid applications.

Members proposed that £30,000 could come from the Tourism earmarked reserve.

No decision on supplier to be made at this stage, as remaining funds need to be sought.

10. TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR QUARTERLY OPERATIONAL INSPECTIONS OF ALL PLAY EQUIPMENT.

Following discussion members agreed to instruct The Play Inspection Company, to commence in 2026.

Meeting closed 21.14pm.