

**MINUTES** of LEISURE COMMITTEE meeting of 29 October 2024 at CBTC East Terrace, Euxton.

Councillors present:

Cllr E Jones (Chair)  
Cllr A Oddy (Vice Chair)  
Cllr P Morton

Cllr R Peers  
Cllr V Thornhill

Cllr S Walker  
Cllr G Vickers

Officers present: D Platt

Residents: 0

1. Apologies

Received from Cllr K Reed.

2. Public participation

Non present.

3. Minutes of the last Committee meeting

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting held 25 July 2024 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. Updates:

- Primrose Hill Play Area re-vamp

Completed and open. It will require more bark when it can be delivered.

- Fencing and gate works around Balshaw Lane

Completed. One gate is proving difficult as it has been revisited a number of times as it is not self-closing.

- Millennium Green pond works and training

Pond specialist visited for three training/action days in October and the pond has been cleared of enough of the self-seeded bull rush as it needs to be. Importance now is to keep the clear water throughout the year.

Drain in the south west corner does require some work to be cleared. Yellow rattle seed is read for when Chorley have cut/collect the meadow area.

5. Environmental Projects – Millennium Green & Chapel Brook

Cllr Thornhill presented the reports created by Lancashire Wildlife Trust on these two areas.

Members discussed these reports, plans and projected costings at length.

**Resolved:** Chapel Brook land, Committee agreed that presently they wanted the land to be preserved as wild space but some work is required to carry out maintenance such as removing some saplings, invasive weeds and access created to the river to carry out river maintenance and testing. Trees and paths will have ongoing inspection and remediation work carried out.

**Resolved:** Millennium Green land, Committee agreed a number of actions to include insect encouragement such as nature piles, skirts around trees, pond maintenance all within normal business. Planting of four specimen Oak trees to a budget of £5000.

6. New Project – Southport Road updates, for discussion and actions

Initial tree works would cost around £4,500/£5,000.

Members discussed items to include in the area:

Large zip/cable way, shelter and seating possibly a bike rack and all weather play pitch park.

Discussed having two phases to the area, phase one as above including tree works first, phase two could be incorporated in the initial planning and design works but only ordered later. Lighting was discussed, this would only be in phase 2 if at all.

Orientation of the all weather pitch suggested to be parallel with the road.

Clerk to have some designs made up and planning department contacted

7. Consider new projects such as solar panels and EV chargers at Greenside

**Resolved:** Clerk to obtain 3 quotations for solar panels on the pavilion and re-present to Committee for agreement.

Clerk to investigate further on the EV charging stations project at Greenside and bring back to committee.

8. Budget setting for 2025/26

Environmental improvements (inc Millennium Green & Chapel Brook) £10,000

Repair/replacement/maintenance budget £45,000

CIL requests are £150K for Southport Road and £15K for footpath network.

9. Any other items which need attention or research

10. Date for next meeting

Arrange when items need considering.

Chairman closed the meeting.