

19th May 2020

## AGENDA

Dear Councillor,

You are invited to a meeting of the:

**Parks and Recreation Committee**  
**to be held online, on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm**

### Membership:

<b>Cllr Brett (East) Chairman</b>	<b>Cllr Pitcher (Broadway)</b>
<b>Cllr Davis (East)</b>	<b>Cllr Robbins (East)</b>
<b>Cllr Doyle (East)</b>	<b>Cllr Spender (Broadway)</b>
	<b>Vice-Chairman</b>
<b>Cllr Fryer (Broadway)</b>	<b>Peter Hewitt (co-opted)</b>

Copied to all other members for information.

Normally, the Council would meet in person and provide an opportunity for members of the public to attend. However, during the current emergency, this is not possible, and the Government have put in place Regulations that allow 'Virtual' committees to be convened and held to conduct local authority business.

The Council has adopted appropriate procedures to ensure the smooth administration of such virtual meetings.

If you wish to attend the meeting and speak in public participation please contact [admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@warminster-tc.gov.uk) at least a day prior to the meeting to enable this to be facilitated. If you wish to view the meeting please see the link on the Warminster Town Council Website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) in the meetings diary.

Yours sincerely



**Fiona Fox BA (Hons) MCIPD FSLCC**  
**Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**

1. **Apologies for absence**  
**To receive and accept** apologies, including reason for absence, from those unable to attend.
2. **Declarations of Interest**  
**To receive** any declarations of interest under Warminster Town Council's (WTC) Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.
3. **Minutes**  
**3.1 To approve and sign** as a correct record, the minutes of the Devolved Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020; copies of these minutes have been circulated and Standing Order 12.1 provides that they may therefore be taken as read.  
**3.2 To note** any matters arising from the minutes of the Devolved Assets and Services Committee meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020.
4. **Chairman's Announcements**  
**To note** any announcements made by the chairman.

***Standing Orders will be suspended  
to allow for public participation.***

5. **Public Participation**  
**To enable** members of the public to address the committee with an allowance of three minutes per person regarding any item on the agenda and **to receive** any petitions and deputations.

***Standing Orders will be reinstated  
following public participation.***

6. **Reports from Unitary Authority Members**  
**To note** reports provided which are relevant to this committee
7. **Clerk's Report: Lake Pleasure Grounds and Associated Land**  
**Report** attached for members information. **For Noting**
8. **Corona Virus**  
**Members to Note** the report (attached) summarising the Impacts of Covid 19 restrictions on the councils Parks and Recreation facilities.
9. **Outdoor Gym**  
Officers were asked to source quotations for outdoor gym equipment to be situated in the lake pleasure grounds. Report attached  
**Members to agree to appoint Preludic to install outdoor gym equipment in the Lake Pleasure Grounds at a cost of £11,900**

**10. Communications**

**10.1 The members** to decide on items requiring a press release.

**10.2 The members** to confirm their spokesperson for any item listed on the agenda to report on the Council's decision if required.

**The date of the next Parks and Recreation Committee will be Monday  
27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.00pm**

Minutes from this meeting will be available to all members of the public either from our website [www.warminster-tc.gov.uk](http://www.warminster-tc.gov.uk) or by contacting us at Warminster Civic Centre.

## **Assistant Clerk's Report: Lake Pleasure Grounds and Outside Spaces**

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- 1 Lake Pleasure Grounds:** see report for agenda item 8
- 2 Lake:** Nothing to report.
- 3 Pavilion Café:** see report for agenda item 8
- 4 Skatepark:** Some grass matting has been installed by the skatepark bowl to prevent erosion. See also report for agenda item 8
- 5 Central Car Park public conveniences:** Currently Closed. See also report for agenda item 8  
  
**Lake Pleasure Grounds public conveniences:** Currently Closed. See also report for agenda item 8
- 6 Paddling Pool:** Currently Closed
- 7 Elizabeth Collyns Garden:** Nothing to report.
- 8 Play Areas:** Currently Closed. See also report for agenda item 8
- 9 Boats on the lake, MUGA area, the boat house, putting green, tennis courts:** Nothing to report. See also report for agenda item 8
- 10. Tree works:** Nothing to report

**Tom Dommett**  
**Assistant Town Clerk**  
**19.05.2020**

## **Report to Parks and Recreation Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

### **Corona Virus Impact**

**Public Toilets** – Both the toilets in the Lake Pleasure Grounds and Central Car Park have both been closed since the start of lockdown.

**Play Areas** – All the nine play areas under management by the town council were closed and signs put up on site to advise the public not to use them. Idverde continue to carry out visual safety inspections.

**Skatepark** – The skatepark was closed at the beginning of lockdown. However, subsequently, in line with changing Government Guidance, it was reopened on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Skatepark limits. Maximum of 10 users in the skatepark only one person to complete a run at a time. No congregating with other people in any circumstances.

Full guidance from the relevant governing bodies has been posted in the Lake Pleasure Grounds and online.

**Tennis Courts** - The Tennis Courts were closed at the beginning of lockdown. However, subsequently, in line with changing Government Guidance, it was reopened on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Court Limits: Maximum of two people per court (singles play only). Players can be from different households. The only exception to the above is where a group of four players are all from the same household in which case, they can play doubles.

Full guidance from the relevant governing bodies has been posted in the Lake Pleasure Grounds and online.

It should be noted that both the Skatepark and Tennis Courts are well covered by CCTV and should breaches of social distancing occur, the police will be informed.

**Boats on the Lake** – The decision was made at the start of the lockdown not to have boats on the Lake for the foreseeable future. It is unlikely boats will be reopened this year.

**Pavilion Café** – The Pavilion Café was undergoing refurbishment when the lockdown commenced. The refurbishment should be completed by the end of the month.

In line with changing Government guidance, it is intended to reopen the Café soon, offering only a takeaway service. The Parks and Open Spaces Manger has drawn up and will implement appropriate risk assessments and safety precautions.

**Flower beds** – It was not possible to obtain bedding plants for the flower beds in the Lake Pleasure Grounds, instead, officers agreed that a flower seed mix could be used. This has been planted and once grown will flower for most of the summer.

**Putting Green** – The decision was made at the start of the lockdown to close the putting green. It is unlikely it will be reopened this year.

## REPORT FOR DECISION

### Outdoor Gym proposal; Lake Pleasure Grounds

#### Recommendation

To agree to appoint Preludic to install outdoor gym equipment in the Lake Pleasure Grounds at a cost of £11,900

#### Purpose of the Report.

To advise members of the reasons for the work and the costs involved.

#### Background

After taking over the running of the Lake Pleasure grounds in 2016 the Town Council carried out a survey asking for public feedback. One of the suggestions was to install Youth/Adult gym equipment. Councillors instructed officers to investigate this. £6000 was agreed to be set aside for this project in ear marked reserves. This was then delayed as other projects took priority.

Officers brought the idea back to the Devolved Services Committee in 2019.

#### **DS/18/123    Outdoor Gym**

*Members debated the merits of and the difference between an outdoor gym and a fitness trail.*

***Cllr Nicklin proposed that Officers be instructed to upgrade investigations into an outdoor gym and obtain three comparative quotes, seconded Cllr Fraser, voting 4 favour 2 against. Motion carried.***

*It was noted that implementation would have to be co-ordinated with work of the paddling pool.*

More recently with the delay of the paddling pool and the realisation that any Paddling pool design is unlikely to interfere with the proposed outdoor gym site officers have further investigate the project.

This has coincided with the area board health and wellbeing committee granting £4,072.27 for the outdoor gym project.

Five companies have been approached and asked to quote for 5 pieces of equipment to be installed with grass matting. The equipment requested was Chin up and dip bar, Stepper, Chest press, Bicycle, Sit up bench. Officers felt that this selection of equipment offered a comprehensive work out and offered familiar equipment for users.



Four companies responded with quotations the results are below:

Company	£	Notes
Hags	11,000 + VAT (Budget estimate)	Chin up, Dip station, Ski Stepper, Trinity cycle recumbent bike, Sit up bench. All with Grass matting.
The Outdoor Gym Company	12,671 + VAT	Dip/leg raise, Chest press/seated row, Cross trainer, Sit up bench, Spinning bike. All with Grass matting.
Vita Play	11,003 +VAT	Parallel Rails, Sky Stepper, Combi Pull down/ Power push, Bicycle, Double sit up bench. All with grass matting.
Proludic	11,900 + VAT	Chin up and dip bar, Stepper, Chest press, Bicycle, Sit up bench. All with Grass matting.

**Outdoor gyms are proven to have health benefits across the generations. The gym will fit in well with the parks other equipment and officers feel will get high use in this location.**

### Options Considered

**Location;** The recommended site is shown below:



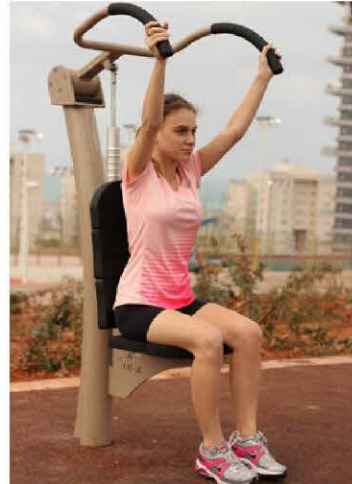
The above map indicates the suggested site. This position is well covered by CCTV and allows users to have good visibility of the rest of the play area. (This would mean that parents could use the equipment whilst keeping an eye on their children.)

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**Choice of equipment;**

The recommended Proludic equipment is the same style as the equipment installed at Queensway play area in Warminster. This has been in place for over 5 years and as far as officers are aware has not needed any major repairs. The unique aspect of this is that whilst the other equipment uses body weight as resistance the Proludic equipment has hydraulic rams fitted. This allows users to adjust the resistance to suit their ability.

**Financial and Resource Implications**

As mentioned above the Warminster Town Council have £6000 in ear marked reserves as well as £4072.27 from the area board grant.

If members agree with the recommendation to accept the quotation from Proludic the additional £1827.73 could be funded from Section 106 monies. This would be from S106 monies which are restricted to being used in the Park.

**Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council has the power to provide this service under the General Power of Competence.

**Environmental Implications**

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider.

**Risk Assessment**

The appointed contractor will carry out their own risk assessment. Warminster Town Council will continue to inspect as part of our ongoing inspections.

**Crime and Disorder**

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under the Crime and Disorder Act.