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MINUTES OF THE RACING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2020 AT 7.30PM, AT THE MEMORIAL HALL

Attending: Cllr. Riggall (Chairman), Cllr. Snowden (Vice-Chairman),
Cllr. Bracey, Cllr. N. Spence, Cllr. Marks, Cllr Penfold, Cllr. Billinge-Jones
Apologies: Mr. Oliver Sherwood, Mr. Harry Dunlop

Meeting Commenced 1933 hrs

11. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

It was proposed to accept the Minutes from Racing Advisory Meeting held on 11th September 2019 as a true and accurate reflection of the meeting by Cllr. Billinge-Jones, Seconded by Cllr. N. Spence. Minutes signed by the Chairman.

12. FINANCE UPDATE

Committee considered the Financial Report from the Clerk. The Chairman reported that at the last Finance Committee Meeting it was agreed to increase the budget by £10k (from reserves) to undertake work to FWW (see item 14). This Figure is on top of the requested budget of £4500.

13. RACING LEVY - Winter 2019/20

Committee reviewed income from the Levy (currently £786). Reminder letter to be sent out beginning of Feb. Letter to include a map showing WBC gritting routes and a link to WBC website showing the full route. Final follow up to be undertaken by the Chairman and Vice Chairman after an agreed cut off date. Investigate whether a note can be put on the Lambourn Trainers Association website showing the salting routes.

14. SALTING FEEDBACK WINTER 2019/20

The gritting of off Highway Horse tracks was raised. The Old Cricket Field horse track was reported as very icy (particularly from rubber entrance for about 15 mtrs). JCE to undertake gritting.

The Committee felt that no changes were required to the current salting arrangements. It was agreed by all that the gritting undertaken is to a fantastic standard. Thank you to Cllr. Bracey.

15. FULKE WALWYN WAY IMPROVEMENTS UPDATE

The Chairman reported that the FWW path has got to a stage where more substantial work is required to reduce the amount of ongoing maintenance to the track and to the ditch as silt is washed in. It is proposed to put down a tarmac surface (sealed surface) that water will run off with a gravel board on either side to stop weeds encroaching. The new surface will be dust free, maintenance free for years and will mean only clean water will run off into the ditch. The surface proposed would be a heavy duty dense binder course.

Costs are expected to be in the region of £20,000. Jockey Club estates are willing to match fund £10,000 of the costs, with the Parish Council providing £10,000 (item 12).

The committee considered the width of the track (2.8m) also how best to deal with the in situ obstacles (tree, fence) and the slope of the track. It was unanimously agreed that Tarmac is a good option.

The Chairman pointed out that JCE have recently submitted plans for 2 new racing yards on B4000, Upper Lambourn Road. He asked if the Committee considered there to be any conflict of interests in accepting match funding from JCE for this project. The Committee agreed that the benefits of the upgrade to FWW would be to all users of the gallops and that the Parish Council is not the Planning Authority. There is no conflict of interest. Agreed by all.

It was agreed that the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman will work out a final specification. A minimum of 3 quotes to be sought. Quotes to be sent out from the office. Work to be scheduled in the summer months (ideally end of May /June). To go to Full Council once quotations have been received.

16. WORKING PARTY (MADDLE ROAD JUNCTION)FEEDBACK

West Berkshire Council mended the collapsed drain very quickly after it was raised at the last meeting. The next task is to erect a railing around the stone. Permission has been given by the landowners for this to go ahead. JCE to install taking advice as to positioning.

17. CONTROL OF LORRIES/HEAVY VEHICLESIN UPPER LAMBOURN

Following concerns raised at the last meeting, it was agreed by all that good practice guidelines when driving near horses (for commercial vehicle drivers) be drawn up. It is suggested that these guidelines are promoted on LTA website and given to businesses and yards in the area, asking that they promote this when placing orders and arranging deliveries and encourage suppliers to use it. It was noted that these recommendations can also be considered by the Parish Council when discussing planning applications. Cllr. Riggall to draw up guidelines. Proposed to go ahead Cllr. Penfold, Seconded Cllr. Billinge-Jones.

18. GREENWAYS HORSE TRACK

Cllr. Riggall reported that the last communication from WBC confirmed that they would be willing to put in a standard filling for the track. Any higher spec surface would need financial contributions from the Parish Council/ JCE. The Committee noted that the track is barely walkable. It was agreed that an email and photographs should be sent to West Berkshire Council (copy to go to District Councillor).

19. ITEMS TO BE INCLUDED ON NEXT AGENDA/ NEXT MEETING:

Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 9th September, 2020

The chairman thanked everyone for their contributions.

Meeting concluded at 2036 hrs.

Chairman:

Date: