

**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council
at the Village Hall
Monday, 16th January 2017 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 23rd January 2017

MINUTES

Present: Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mr Roger Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield, Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Sara Withers, Mr Neil Woodley

16/67 Apologies for absence: None

16/68 Declarations of Interest: Mr James Mansfield declared an interest in item number 16/74

16/69 Public questions and statements: No public present

16/70 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: None

16/71 Signing of the minutes: The minutes of the 21st November meeting were signed as a true record.

16/72 Tennis Club: The Tennis Club were asked to address the height of the hedge and check the light levels of the floodlights in the resident's houses at the L&R meeting in November. The Tennis Club has since written a letter addressing these issues. The light levels were measured in two resident's houses (Upstairs windows) and the lux levels were measured at 0. The hedge has been cut to the height of the chain linked fence. Mr and Mrs Barrett confirmed that they were satisfied with the height of the hedge and would like it maintained at this height in the future. The tennis club also suggested a 6 month email drop to all residents. The residents confirmed that they are not happy with this solution and a resident has suggested that a more suitable solution would be if the tennis club invited a resident to the Tennis Club meetings.

The committee agreed to draft a letter to thank the tennis club for addressing the light and hedge issues raised at the November L&R meeting. The letter will recommend that in light that there is no info regarding the hedge height in the original planning application that the hedge height should be maintained to the height of the fence adjacent to the hedge as Mr and Mrs Barrett, who were concerned about the height, are currently satisfied with the hedge at this height. The letter will also suggest that the Tennis Club allow a resident representative the opportunity to attend the beginning of two tennis club meetings a year to express any issues that the residents may have.

16/73 Management of the Sportsfield:

Use of the sportsfield: It would be beneficial to try and get more constant use of the sportsfield. It was suggested that the sportsfield needs a junior pitch to encourage further use. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial to have a big pitch and smaller pitch for younger kids to play on. Some issues discussed were

- There are no goal posts for the smaller pitch.
- There is an issue of the cricket pitch.
- Where on the sportsfield would the pitch be situated? It was suggested near the pavilion.

Mr Gilkes will ask Mr Malcolm Bradbrook, Wootton and Kingston Bagpuize Football Club for more information on the dimensions of a junior football pitch and if there is a need for a junior pitch locally. Mr Gilkes will also look into the cost of portable goalposts.

Bookings: All sports teams need to communicate directly to Mr Woodley to confirm the usage of the sportsfield. Mr Woodley will be managing the bookings, taking money and issuing contracts. Mr Woodley needs all the information to come directly to him. Mr Mansfield will organise a Gmail account so Mr Woodley can use Google Calendar to manage

bookings. Mr Woodley will need to keep an eye of usage and payment. Mrs Mary Carey will draft a piece for The Advertiser to encourage use of the sportsfield.

Invoices: The invoices need to state that the preferred method of payment is by cheque or BACS rather than cash.

16/74 Review of James Mansfield's contract for use of the sportsfield carpark: The external socket has not yet been installed as there are no fridges on the bus. The committee agreed that having an external socket would be beneficial for marquee hiring. It was confirmed that no changes need to be made to the contract. Mr James Mansfield has received the first invoice.

16/75 Signs for the sportsfield:

- Sign for dogs: Roger will monitor the dog fouling at the sportsfield.
- Sign for directions to sportsfield: To go on the agenda for the parish council meeting.
- The sign at the top of the road leading to the sportsfield needs to be replaced. The sign should state that the pavilion is for hire. Mr Mansfield will find out prices for the sign.

16/76 Jubilee Park maintenance:

- Quote for resurfacing slide area: The parish clerk received a quote for £2335.60 from Safer Surfacing to resurface the area of the slide with wet pour. The clerk will be meeting with Sovereign on the 24th January to obtain another quote.
- Grass-cutting: The clerk will ask Yew Tree Contractors for a quote for the next financial year.
- Sand levels in sandpit: The committee agreed that the sand levels need to be topped up. Dr Richards will order the sand and send the pro forma invoice to the clerk to issue a cheque.
- Molehill management: There has been an increase in mole hills at the playground. Mr Gilkes will continue to set traps. The friends of the playground will maintain the molehills as they see fit.

16/77 Dates of Future meetings: The date of the next Leisure and Recreation meeting is the 20th March 2016 @ 8pm

16/78 Miscellaneous: None

Meeting closed at 9:40pm

Signed.....Date..... (Chairman)