

**Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee  
of the Parish Council at the Village Hall  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Ms Jo Loots (representing the Friends of Appleton School), Mr James Mansfield, Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Sara Withers, Mr Neil Woodley

**16/79 Apologies for absence:** Mrs Mary Carey, Mr Roger Gilkes

**16/80 Declarations of Interest:** None

**16/81 Public questions and statements:**

Ms Jo Loots: The Friends of Appleton Primary School is hoping to hold a fundraising event in November 2017 at the Appleton Sportsfield. The idea is to have fireworks, a bonfire, candy floss and a barbecue. Ms Loots said that she is aware that the Friends of Appleton School will need to have public liability insurance in place for the event and can obtain a one off public liability certificate. If the event is successful the 'Friends' will consider holding the event annually.

Ms Loots is currently looking for quotes for fireworks and is considering the 25 minute display package with a finale at the end of the display. The group will be using category 1-3 fireworks, therefore the group do not need an external company to set up and manage the fireworks.

The school children will help in building the Guy for the bonfire. Ms Loots is not sure how large it will be at this point.

The committee invited Ms Loots to attend the L&R meeting in May to update the committee on the public liability insurance and the plans that are in place to ensure that the sportsfield will be returned to its original state after the bonfire.

**16/82 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None

**16/83 Signing of the minutes:** The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017 meeting were signed as a true record.

### PLAYGROUND

**16/84 Quotes for resurfacing the impact area at base of slide:** The committee has received three quotes to resurface the slide area with a wet pour solution. It was resolved that the committee will not proceed with these quotes as the quotes are too expensive and the Friends of the Playground would like to keep the surfacing around the playground equipment in keeping with the original installation, which is bark chippings. It was resolved to reinforce the boundary of the slide area and top up the area with bark chippings.

**16/85 Induction of new volunteers doing safety checks at the playground:** Mr Mansfield is happy to continue to induct new volunteers that will be doing the safety checks at the playground.

**16/86 Safety/maintenance issues which appear on the inspection reports:** Addressing the inspection reports is the sole responsibility of the L&R Committee and the Friends of the Playground should continue to carry out their weekly checks.

**16/87 To discuss a fund for repair or replacement of equipment at the playground:** The L&R Committee has a maintenance budget for repairs and maintenance at the playground which is £1000 per annum.

**16/88 Permanent sign for the adult equipment:** It was agreed to purchase a permanent sign to display the conditions of use for the adult equipment. The sign will be purchased in accordance with appropriate British Safety Standard regulations.

**16/89 To discuss the purchase of more bark around the playground equipment:** The committee agreed that it is not necessary to purchase more bark for the playground with the exception of topping up the bark around the slide area.

**16/90 To approve the use of the playground as the venue for a fundraiser in May:** The committee approved the use of the playground for a fundraiser event in May 2017.

## **SPORTSFIELD**

**16/91 Grass cutting quote:** The committee agreed to accept the quote. The clerk will inform the contractor.

### **16/92 Signage at the sportsfield:**

Sign at the sportsfield entrance driveway: The existing sign has been moved back inside the hedge to prevent damage to the sign by tractors using the sportsfield road. It was agreed that the sign would be more visible if it were situated opposite the junction and two signs fixed on to either side of the telegraph pole. The committee agreed to purchase two new signs. The sign will be white and green and will have an arrow pointing in the direction of the sportsfield with the words 'Appleton Sportsfield, To book: [appletonsportsfieldbookings@gmail.com](mailto:appletonsportsfieldbookings@gmail.com).' Mr James Mansfield will arrange for the purchase and installation of the signs.

Wooden directional sign post: This type of signage is very expensive. It was discussed situating the sign post near the war memorial with finger posts indicating where the community shop and sportsfield are. It was resolved to refer it to the parish council for consideration.

Signs for dogs: This signage has been actioned.

**16/93 To discuss the addition of a second football pitch at the sportsfield:** There are two possibilities where a new junior football pitch can be situated at the sportsfield. Either the far side of the sportsfield near the woods or the near side near the pavilion. Mr Gilkes has been liaising with Cumnor Minors and Kingston Bagpuize coaches and is awaiting feedback to confirm if there is a need for the pitches. The committee approved the additional pitches at the sportsfield. Mr Woodley will investigate the costs of the football goal posts and the purchase of the goalposts will be approved at the next parish council meeting.

**16/94 To discuss an ad hoc cleaning of the sportsfield pavilion:** It was resolved that there is no need to clean the pavilion before hiring.

**16/95 Dates of Future meetings:** 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 8:00pm

### **16/96 Miscellaneous:**

- Mr Woodley has been in contacted by another football team who would like to hire the sportsfield. Mr Woodley will speak to Mr Gilkes for advice as the football fields might be at risk of becoming damaged due to overuse.

Meeting closed at 9:23pm