

**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council  
at the Village Hall  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

# MINUTES

**Present:** Mr John Adams (Chairman), Mrs Susan Blomerus (parish clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mr Roger Gilkes, Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Sara Withers, Mr Neil Woodley

**Also present:** Mr Hjalmar Blomerus (Sportsfield Advisory Group), Mr Chris White

	Description	Action/outcome
17/62	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> None	
17/63	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None	
17/64	<b>Public questions and statements:</b> None	
17/65	<p><b>Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17/50: Parking at the sportsfield: Mr Gilkes informed the committee that the 'no parking' signs are stored at the pavilion.</li> <li>17/53: Rowing machine at the playground: Mrs Withers did not have any reports of regular use of the rowing machine. The committee are not aware of anyone that would be upset if it was removed</li> <li>17/55: Table tennis table: More bats and balls need to be purchased for the table tennis table at the playground</li> <li>17/58: CCTV: The equipment will be installed when the weather is warmer</li> <li>17/61: Maintenance day at the pavilion has been delayed until the weather has improved</li> </ol>	Mrs Blomerus will buy more bats and balls
17/66	<b>Signing of the minutes:</b> The minutes of the 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 meeting was signed as a true record	
<b>PLAYGROUND</b>		
17/67	<b>Operational inspection report:</b> The friends will go through the inspection reports at the next playground committee meeting.	Mrs Sara Withers will report back at the next L&R meeting. To be added to March agenda
17/68	<b>Gate at the playground:</b> Mr Hopgood has agreed to fix the gate	
<b>SPORTSFIELD</b>		
17/69	<p><b>Report from the sportsfield advisory group</b></p> <p>Mr Gilkes, Mr Blomerus and Mr White had a meeting with White Horse Construction to discuss the drainage at the sportsfield. It was made clear that the committee will need to undertake a lot of the work due to costs. The drainage ditch was looked at and a depth test was done on the soil to ascertain water level.</p>	<p>Mr White to obtain quotes for seeds</p> <p>Mr Blomerus to obtain full itemised quotation from White Horse Construction</p>

	<p><u>Suggestions raised to improve draining:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Reseed the football field: Spray field with weed killer, fertilise the field and reseed. Need to take soil samples to see what it is lacking.</li> <li>2. Trees are too high and cast a shadow on the field. The committee needs to look into possibly cutting the tops of the trees down so the sun can reach the pitch.</li> <li>3. Install proper land drains. The contractor wanted to do that every 4 metres at a cost of £8 a metre. The overall cost will be almost £5000.</li> <li>4. Mr Brian Hathaway mentioned that about 20 years ago he laid a perforated pipe along the sides of the field. Mr Blomerus suggested uprooting the pipe, sticking a rod through the pipe and cleaning it out and clearing the ditch.</li> <li>5. If the mole drain works then it might be worth considering buying one.</li> </ol> <p>The next step is waiting for the footballers to finish the season, do the mole drains and the reseeding of the grass.</p> <p>The trees will need to be done but isn't as important. The cost of the seeds will be approximately £400-£800 and that is just for the football pitch. The fertiliser won't be as costly.</p> <p>Mr Blomerus will pressure wash the pavilion roof and exterior when the weather has improved. Then the roof can be painted and the CCTV equipment can be installed. Once that has been done the committee can start concentrating on improving the interior of the pavilion.</p> <p>Mr Blomerus has been in touch a contractor who does building work. The contractor will measure up the kitchen and put a proposal together and it will be presented to the committee. The kitchen will be installed by the builder and Mr Hjalmar Blomerus</p>	<p>Quotes for seeds to be added to the parish council agenda for consideration</p> <p>Mr Blomerus to follow up on the proposal for the pavilion kitchen</p>
17/70	<p><b>Condition of the sportsfield pavilion car park:</b></p> <p>There were large potholes in the car park. Mr Stuart Wetherall organised and paid for Mr Chris White to fill all the potholes with the rubble.</p>	<p>The clerk will thank Mr Stuart Wetherall</p>
17/71	<p><b>Condition of the pavilion exterior</b></p> <p>Discussed above 17/69</p>	
17/72	<p><b>Condition of football pitches</b></p> <p>Discussed above 17/69</p> <p>At some point the committee would like to have 3 football pitches at the sportsfield. If the drainage is improved at the sportsfield it would be possible. To be revisited at a later stage.</p>	
17/73	<p><b>Annual review of contract for bus parked at the Appleton Sportsfield car park:</b></p> <p>Mr Mansfield is planning to sell the bus. The committee agreed that it would be beneficial if the bus was no longer in the car park.</p>	<p>Mr Adams will speak to Mr Mansfield</p> <p>Mrs Blomerus will send Mr Mansfield invoices</p>
17/74	<p><b>Dates of Future meetings:</b> 19<sup>th</sup> March 2018</p>	
17/75	<p><b>Miscellaneous:</b></p> <p>Mrs Withers reported that 5 Bags of dog poo was found in the ditch next to the gate near the playground.</p>	<p>Mrs Withers will put up a laminated sign near the playground.</p>