

**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council
at the Village Hall
Monday, 19th March 2018 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 22nd March 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 Rick Hopgood (Sportsfield Advisory Group)

	Description	Action/outcome
17/76	Apologies for absence: None	
17/77	Declarations of Interest: None	
17/78	Public questions and statements: None	
17/79	<p>Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 17/55: Bats and balls – still needs to be actioned by the clerk 17/68: The playground gate has been fixed. The committee thanked Mr Hopgood for fixing the gate. 17/75: Mrs Withers installed a sign at the playground. 	Mrs Blomerus will buy bats and balls
17/80	Signing of the minutes: The minutes of the 15 th January 2018 meeting was signed as a true record	
17/81	<p>Operational inspection report for playground and sportfield:</p> <p><u>The Sportsfield:</u> All are low risk items. The cricket club will take responsibility for fixing the cricket related items.</p> <p><u>The Playground:</u> Some items do not meet British regulations; this is because regulations have changed since the playground equipment has been installed. The equipment was compliant when installed in 2012.</p> <p>The Friends of the playground will start with the smaller and more achievable items on the report. Mr Hester will be asked to look at the wood aspects of the report. The friends have made a list of maintenance items, e.g. Bolt cap covers and these will be actioned.</p> <p>The maintenance day was postponed due to the snow conditions.</p> <p>Adult equipment is a problem; the equipment needs to be fenced off. The equipment needs to be a certain (25m) distance from the play equipment.</p> <p>The item that is causing the most concern is the rowing machine. The rower is not compliant, not well used and it seems sensible to remove the rower. If the rower sells the money will be added to the L&R budget. Mr Hopgood agreed to remove the rower machine. Mrs Mary Carey agreed to advertise to sell the rower.</p> <p>The clerk asked the committee if they are happy to continue using the Play Inspection Company. The committee agreed to continue using The Play Inspection this year.</p>	<p>Mr Hopgood will remove the rower from the playground.</p> <p>Mrs Mary Carey will advertise the rower to raise funds.</p> <p>The clerk will ask the Play Inspection Company to inform the clerk or Mr Gilkes so they can accompany the inspector.</p> <p>Mrs Withers will enquire what it means that the equipment is not compliant.</p> <p>To be added to the May agenda</p>

17/82	To discuss grass cutting quotes for the playground and the sportsfield: The committee agreed to accept the quotes	The clerk to inform Yew Tree Contractors and Ady Podbery Grounds Care that the quotes have been accepted. It be added to the agenda for November to tender for quotes
17/83	Sportsfield booking calendar: Mr Woodley has a google calendar that he manages all the sportsfield bookings. Mr Woodley would like to enable the community to view the calendar but not make any changes. It was agreed that the calendar can be uploaded to the village website.	Mrs Mary Carey will get in contact with Mrs Jane Dymock so she can link the sportsfield Gmail account to the website
17/84	To agree a date to inspect the condition of the sportsfield pavilion: The idea is for a group of users to inspect the pavilion and make a list of all the work that needs doing at the pavilion. It was agreed that Mr Hopgood, Mr Blomerus, Mr Gilkes and Dr Richards will inspect the sportsfield pavilion.	Mr Gilkes will do a doodle poll so a date can be confirmed to inspect the sportsfield.
17/85	To discuss and agree what to charge miscellaneous users of the sportsfield: The archaeology team would like to camp at the sportsfield. It was agreed to charge £10 per night per tent.	
17/86	Report from the sportsfield advisory group; <u>Drainage issues and to discuss quote received from White Horse Contractors:</u> White Horse Contractors visited the sportsfield to look at the condition of the pitch and compiled a list of recommendations. It was confirmed after an inspection that the pitch is free of draining and there is no water logged in the pitch. The underlying problem is the root growth of the grass, this has been happening over a period of time due to a lack of maintenance. Mr Blomerus has spoken to Mr Matt Godwin, who looks after the grounds at a private school and he confirmed that the quote received is good value. White Horse Contractors suggested allow for the weed killer on the football field. We have been rolling the pitch due to overcome the divots; therefore the weeds have stronger roots. There needs to be investment in the condition of the sportsfield. Either add more money to the sportsfield budget from the precept or invest in a mower. The group will dig and find the perforated pipe, and the mole draining still needs to be actioned. The committee agreed that the work needs to be done to improve the condition of the sportsfield.	The clerk will add the White Horse Contractors quote to the April parish council agenda Dr Richards will look into the grant options and see if groundworks can be included in the grant options.
17/87	Dates of Future meetings: 21 st May 2018	
17/88	Miscellaneous: None	

Meeting ended at 9:07pm