

**Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council  
at the Village Hall  
Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2017 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017

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

**17/1 Apologies for absence:** Mr John Adams

**17/2 Declarations of Interest:** None

**17/3 Public questions and statements:** Mr Hopgood told the committee about his plan to start up a U13 football club using Appleton sportsfield and asked for the parish council's support. The football team will be an Appleton team. Mr Hopgood assured the committee that his courses are up to date in order to do it. Mr Hopgood said that last year his team played 10-12 games a season, but this might change. The team will definitely need the use of the kitchen.

The committee agreed that it will be good for Appleton to have a junior football team and are keen to support Mr Hopgood. There was a concern that there will be a clash with other football teams using the sportsfield. The committee agreed to not charge the football team for the first year. The committee also agreed to purchase the goalposts but requested that Mr Hopgood's football team do some fundraising to help with the costs of the purchase. The pitch location can be either between the pavilion and the cricket square or from the cricket square and the woods. Floodlights can be used during training. Mr Hopgood was informed that the parish council cut the grass. The committee asked Mr Hopgood to line the new football pitch.

**17/4 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:** None

**17/5 Signing of the minutes:** The minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 meeting was signed as a true record.

**PLAYGROUND**

**17/6 Maintenance to the Park gate and the provision of a catch:** It was suggested to install a catch on the playground gate as a dog had recently run into the playground. Mr Mansfield said that this won't meet the ROSPA requirements and recommended that the gate be rehung, lifted and the spring tightened. Mr Mansfield offered to check the gate.

**SPORTSFIELD**

**17/7 Signpost for the sportsfield:** The signposts for the sportsfield have arrived. The sign will be erected to the telegraph pole directly opposite the sportsfield entrance with the addition of a wooden post. Mr Mansfield said that he will need to use marine ply as backing for the sign. It was agreed that Mr Mansfield can purchase marine ply.

**17/8 To discuss the addition of a second football pitch at the sportsfield and the need for junior goalposts:** The U13 football team will need 7ftx21ft goalposts. Portable goalposts are preferable as they can be moved and locked up but will be more expensive than socketed goalposts. The disadvantage of socketed goalposts is that they can't be moved under the flood lights when training. It was resolved to obtain quotes for portable goalposts. It was resolved to install a football pitch to the requirements for the U13 football team. The smaller pitch will be considered when the need arises.

**17/9 To discuss the sports teams contracts for hiring the sportsfield:** Mr Woodley said the contracts need renewing for the football teams and the committee need to agree the hiring fees. It was resolved to raise the fees by 2% on all sportsfield contracts. The contract for the cricket club has not been signed.

**17/10 Hedge cutting on access road:** Field Farm looks after the main long stretch of hedge but there is a stretch from the entrance to the farmyard to the sportsfield that will need cutting soon. Mr James Mansfield offered to cut the hedge.

**17/11 Bonfire site on the sportsfield for 5<sup>th</sup> November:** The event will go ahead in November.

**17/12 Cleaning sportsfield before hiring:** Mr Gilkes has spent a few hours cleaning the sportsfield. If there is a hiring that requires cleaning it was agreed that Mr Woodley can arrange for someone to clean the pavilion.

**17/13 Dates of Future meetings:** 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017 @ 8pm

**17/14 Miscellaneous:**

- Dripping u-bend in the toilets in the pavilion. Mr James Mansfield offered to assess the situation and report back to the parish council if a plumber needs to be called.
- To add to the July agenda: Election of a new chairman and signage fence at the pavilion

Meeting closed at 9:16pm