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Minutes of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council at the Village Hall Monday, 19th September 2016 at 7.30 pm

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 3rd October 2016

MINUTES

Present: Dr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (parish clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mr Roger Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield, Dr Mark Richards

Also present: Mrs Claire Salmon

16/33 Apologies for absence: Mr Neil Woodley, Mrs Sara Withers

16/34 Declarations of Interest: James Mansfield declared an interest in item number 16/42 as he is the owner of the bus.

16/35 Public questions and statements: Mrs Claire Salmon is in attendance for agenda item 16/38: tennis club trees.

Mrs Salmon wanted to include that she does understand why the tennis club wanted to cut the trees, it was the way in which it was done that she has issues with.

16/36 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

Grass growing around the table tennis table: Ongoing issue. Tina Mould will obtain grass grids.

A resident has offered to replenish balls and bats when needed.

16/37 Signing of minutes: The minutes of the 18th July 2016 meeting was signed as a true record.

16/38 Tennis Club Trees: The parish council has received a letter from Mrs Salmon concerning the copper Beech and Lime trees that has been significantly cut back at the Tennis Club. This work was carried out to prevent pigeon muck from going on the surface of the tennis courts. The concern is that the tennis club did not consult with the parish council before the work was carried out. The parish council uses a contractor that knows the history of the trees and is very sympathetic when cutting the trees. The L&R Committee agreed that it needs to be clear who is in charge in cutting the trees. It was agreed that Dr Mark Richards will speak to Mr Richard Dick and discuss this issue and anything agreed will be put in writing by Mr Richard Dick. The clerk will then write to the tennis club.

16/39 Appleton Quest: It was agreed that this event will take place as a fundraising event in the village.

Appleton Sportsfield

16/40 Inspection reports: All low risk issues

16/41 Clarification/organisation of contracts, bookings and invoices: Mr Adams informed the committee that he is getting all the contracts up to date.

16/42 Bus: The bus parking contract has been completed and signed and the bus is now in situ. An invoice will be sent to Mr Mansfield by Mr Adams. Mr Mansfield will be making a donation towards the electricity bill. The clerk will invoice Mr Mansfield with the electricity donation amount. It was agreed that Mr Mansfield can go ahead and install the external electricity source at the sportsfield for the bus.

16/43 Update on pavilion: A building contractor has agreed to quote for building specifications. The quote has not been received to date.

Jubilee Playground:

16/44 Inspection report: The safety surface at the bottom of the slide needs to be addressed. The clerk has contacted Playground Services to ask for advice and quotes to install a suitable safety surface and is awaiting a response. No other issues.

16/45 Adult equipment: It was agreed that signs need to be on the adult equipment and a poster put up on the noticeboard saying that children under the age of 12 years old may not play on the equipment. The committee will consider installing a fence around the adult equipment in the future to discourage children from playing on the equipment.

16/46 Dates of Future meetings: The next meeting will take place on the 21st November 2016 in the village hall committee room.

16/47 Miscellaneous: None

Meeting closed @ 8:34pm