

**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council
at the Village Hall
Monday, 21st November 2016 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 15th December 2016

MINUTES

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

16/55 Apologies for absence: Mrs Nikki and Mr Nathaniel Hogeboom

16/56 Declarations of Interest: None

16/57 Public questions and statements:

Agenda item 16/63: Pavilion refurbishment:

Mr Tony Sibthorp approached a company for a quote. He reiterated that the pavilion is a large building which is approximately 40 years old and many things need replacing like the roof, plumbing, electrics, boiler and oil tank and there is a crack in floor. Mr. Sibthorp advised that the Sports England rules to qualify for a grant stipulates that we would need to increase the scope and frequency of the current usage which would require significant changes to the existing facilities.

The contractor went through the pavilion building addressing the necessary replacements and improving existing facilities and produced a quote for £409 000.

16/60: Tennis Club Hedge:

Mr Paul Haines said that the height of the hedge is now beyond the ability of the tennis club maintenance team to cut so they are relying on a farmer to cut the hedge. The tennis club is restricted to conditions that the hedge cannot be cut between March and September.

Mrs Michele Barrett mentioned that she has been told by the tennis club that the height of the hedge is to block the sun and wind. She feels this is inconsiderate to the residents. The hedge is too high and is blocking the view and she would like the hedge cut low enough and maintained.

Mr Alan Murray said that historically the hedge has always been level with the top of the fence line

16/61: Tennis Club Floodlights

Mr Dave Woodhouse would like to step away from the legal issues and he accepts that planning was granted for the floodlights. He would like to engage with the tennis club to discuss conditions that are not met rather than complaining and having the situation feel awkward.

Mrs Claire Salmon: showed the committee photos of when the floodlights are on and when the floodlights are off. She said that the floodlights are intrusive to the surrounding residential area. Mrs Salmon's understanding was that the tennis club would keep dialogue going with the neighbours but this has not happened. Tennis players can be heard playing at her residence even with the windows and doors shut. Mrs Salmon does not want to complain but rather work together with the tennis club to iron out issues and keep a dialogue going. Mrs Salmon would like to know how often the lights will be kept on and how late in the evening will the lights be kept on.

Mrs Barrett said that the floodlights are shining into the windows downstairs and upstairs of her residence directly opposite the tennis club.

Mr Alan Murray said that the tennis club can arrange to put more shields up to minimise direct light exposure to neighbouring properties, and try to encourage players to use the tennis court closest to the clubhouse to minimise the number of floodlights used.

Mr James Mansfield suggested testing that the reflected light levels at the upper windows of the properties bordering the courts are within stipulated legal limits. If the light levels are not within the stipulated legal limits then the tennis club will need to make changes.

16/58 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda: None

16/59 Signing of the minutes: The minutes of the 19th September and 17th October meeting were signed as true records.

16/60 Tennis Club Hedge: The committee received a letter from a resident reporting that the height of the back hedge at the tennis courts is too high and is restricting views. The tennis club committee will arrange for a contractor to visit the

site for a quote to cut the hedge. Mrs Claire Salmon was asked to check documentation with regards to the height of the hedges at the Tennis Club.

16/61 Tennis Club Floodlights: The committee received a letter from residents neighbouring the Tennis Courts as they would like a code of use to be drawn up with discussion between the tennis club, Leisure & Recreation Committee and neighbouring residents. It was suggested that a resident be invited to Tennis Club Meetings possibly a couple of times per year. The tennis club agreed that they will test the light levels and will install more shields as necessary. The residents agreed to allow access for the light levels to be tested. The Leisure and Recreation Committee will await feedback from the Tennis Club.

16/62 Playground and Sportsfield Inspection Reports: All low risk issues

16/63 Pavilion refurbishment quote & grant possibilities: Mr Sibthorp was thanked for all his efforts. The committee agreed that the quote received was too high and unrealistic that funding would be secured to raise £409 000, therefore the committee will have to rethink the situation.

16/64 White liner powder quote: Mr Gilkes has ordered 20 bags of white liner for the sportsfield and is awaiting delivery.

16/65 Dates of Future meetings: The date of the next Leisure and Recreation meeting is the 16th January 2016 at 8:00pm

16/66 Miscellaneous: None

Meeting ended at 8:54pm