

APPLETON WITH EATON PARISH COUNCIL

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Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council at the Village Hall Monday, 23rd May 2016 at 7.30 pm

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 4th July 2016

MINUTES

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

- 16/1 Apologies for absence:** Mr Neil Woodley, Mr John Adams
- 16/2 Declarations of Interest:** Mr James Mansfield declared an interest in item number 16/9.
- 16/3 Public questions and statements:** None
- 16/4 Signing of minutes:** The minutes from the 21st March 2016 meeting were signed as a true record.
- 16/5 Green Lane Maintenance:** The quote was discussed by committee members. It was unanimously agreed to accept the quote to improve the drainage in Green Lane. The clerk will inform the contractor that his quote was successful.
- 16/6 Cutting of Appleton Landing:** The quote to cut Appleton Landing and Doctors Lane was discussed. The clerk was asked to request a quote from Mr Ian Hutt.
- 16/7 Tennis club trees:** The committee agreed that the clerk should contact Mr Richard Upton, Oxford Tree Surgeons, and request that he look at the trees in the village and feedback any possible work that needs carrying out. The result to be discussed at the next parish council meeting.
- 16/8 Directional wooden sign post:** The possibility of a signpost was discussed. Mr Mansfield will research prices.

Appleton Sportsfield:

- 16/9 Long term hiring of sportsfield carpark:** The committee received a letter of request from Mr Mansfield to hire the sportsfield car park on a long term basis to park a bus that will serve as a restaurant. If successful, Mr Mansfield will need to install an external power supply to keep the refrigerators operating. Mr Mansfield can either pay to install a separate meter or alternatively he offered to pay the whole sportsfield electricity bill. The committee discussed this proposal and agreed that having the restaurant bus could be an asset for the community. It was agreed that Mr Mansfield will pay £20 a month for hiring the Sportsfield Car Park and pay the Sportsfield electricity bill in full. It was agreed to draw up a 2 month rolling contract which will be reviewed every annum on the second Monday in December. Mr Mansfield agreed to these terms.
- 16/10 Update on refurbishment of sportsfield pavilion:** Mr Sibthorp has drawn up a document of potential work to be carried out on the pavilion. He is still awaiting quotes; once quotes are received a grant can be applied for.
- 16/11 Update on goalpost installation:** The goalposts will be installed within the next month.
- 16/12 Update on sportsfield ground works:** Mr Mansfield, Mr Joyce and Mr Gilkes met and discussed the condition of the grass at the sportsfield. It was suggested to get a soil sample tested by an agronomist and as the grass is not dense and thick enough may need fertiliser. It was thought that isn't a drainage issue.
- 16/13 Cleaning of pavilion before hiring:** When the sportsfield pavilion is hired out for private hire the pavilion isn't in a condition to hire out due to sports teams using the pavilion. It was decided to hire a cleaner to have a one off deep clean after the football season. It was agreed that the clerk can advertise for a cleaner at the cost of £50 for a deep clean, then for every private hire the committee will hire a cleaner on an ad hoc basis.
- 16/14 Hiring of skip:** Hiring of skip is expensive. Mr Mansfield and Mr Gilkes will liaise in moving metal.

Jubilee Playground:

16/15 Fundraising events: The car wash event raised £160. Dr Richards was approached by Daniel Little to have a bonfire event on the Lock Road. The committee was concerned at having a bonfire event due to insurance issues. The clerk will check with the insurance company. Mrs Withers will continue to liaise with Mr Little regarding this potential event. The Friends of Jubilee Park will have a table at the Appleton School Summer Fete.

16/16 Gap in the hedge: Small gap in the hedge will be monitored

16/17 Moles in the playground: Mole situation will be monitored

16/18 Dates of Future meetings: The date of the next meeting is the 18th July 2016.

16/19 Miscellaneous:

- Voting for the chairman to go on the July's agenda.

Meeting closed at 9:11pm