

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **21<sup>st</sup> November 2011** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.30pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Mountain, W Elsome, T Foster, J England, Mrs B Todd, Mrs G Sherwood, J R Walker & G Day; and the Clerk.

**118. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillor M Caley.

**119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None Received**

**120. MATTERS REFERRED FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

a) **FLOODLIGHTS**

An email from Councillor Caley was received suggesting that the position of the existing floodlights being to the left of the road is the main reason for the poor light distribution. It was agreed that the floodlights has been positioned to avoid damage from horseboxes. It was further agreed that the installation of the additional floodlight should go ahead but that no more lighting is practically or economically possible at this stage. Councillor Sherwood commented that mobile lights are available on the market if MJFC wished to consider them.

The Clerk reminded members that MJFC have agreed to pay a maximum of £2000 towards the cost of the additional floodlights. As the costs have now been reduced it was agreed to calculate the ratio of cost accordingly.

**121. HOLME MEADOW**

- a) **DYKES & HEDGING** – Noted that the hedges have been cut and the dykes tidied.
- b) **LINCFEST ON TOUR 2012** – Further to previous enquiry the Clerk reported that the organisers have asked for a date. It was agreed that it should not be booked before June but to ask the organiser to attend the January meeting of the Parish Council to give more information.
- c) **GRASS** – The bare patches at the side of the dyke require grass seed. Refer to handyman.
- d) **NORTH DYKE** – Drain outlet appears not to be running efficiently – to be checked.
- e) **TREES** – Noted that saplings are available free of charge from the Woodland Trust – application to be made to replace the dead trees.

**122. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION**

- a) **RABBIT CONTROL** – Wire netting still required around the churchyard fence. It was noted that the some is already in place courtesy of MJFC but it was agreed to fix more to the full length of the church boundary fence. It was also agreed that a quantity of soil is needed to fill the rabbit holes.
- b) **REAR OF PLAY AREA FENCE** – Debris still to be removed. Refer to handyman and hire skip if necessary.

**123. PLAY AREA**

- a) The clerk reported that new swing seats have been ordered for the cradle swings.
- b) It was agreed that all the equipment needs to be painted this winter – refer to handyman.
- c) Councillor Elsome asked if the work highlighted in the inspection report is being monitored. The Clerk reported that she had devised a checklist of the all the issues from the report and had issued it to the handyman.

**124. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) BRIGG ROAD – Councillor Mountain reported that Mr & Mrs Neal have volunteered to clear litter on Brigg Road from No. 107 to the west, but that they will require a litter picker, bag and gloves to be supplied.
- b) DOG WASTE BAGS – Councillor Elsome commented that the dispenser is constantly empty. It was noted that the handyman replenishes it every week but with only about 40 bags as they disappear in large quantities if filled to capacity. It was also noted that an order for bags is needed to replenish stocks.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 8.01pm.