

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday 2nd April 2012 in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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

200. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors J Walker and Mrs B Todd

201. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

202. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL – None referred.

203. HOLME MEADOW

a) The clerk reported the following bookings: Armed Forces Day Event – Saturday 30th June; Messingham Junior Football Tournament – Sunday 17th June; Messingham Show – Sunday 3rd June; Scunthorpe & District Pony Owners Club – various but with no clashes in June. It was agreed to report these bookings in the village magazine.

b) Correspondence noted regarding the QEII Fields Challenge.

204. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

a) Councillor Elsome commented that wire netting is still required for the south side. It was noted that the need for this had been disputed at a previous meeting so it was agreed that Councillors Elsome and Walker meet on site to discuss further.

b) Noted that the rubble etc at the rear of the play area has not yet been removed. Skip to be organised in consultation with the handyman. Cllr, Elsome agreed to assist if necessary.

205. PLAY AREA

It was noted that there no equipment inspections carried out when the handyman is on holiday. It was agreed to find out the recommended number of visits per year to comply with a duty of care.

206. OTHER BUSINESS

a) CHURCHYARD DRAIN – Councillor Elsome reported that a JCB and driver have been organised for 14th April to investigate the line of the drain.

b) CHURCHYARD GRASS – Councillor Elsome suggested that the weedkilling applications should take place in the first weeks of May, July and September. It was agreed to check when the grass cutting is scheduled to start.

c) PLAYING FIELD AGM – Councillor Elsome reported on the poor attendance at the 2012 AGM and advised that the committee is still without a Chairman. He commented that only the contribution by the tenant clubs (cricket, football and bowls) was keeping the association solvent. It was noted that the Parish Council can have three representatives on the playing field committee but the Chairman commented that he was reluctant to be involved due to Code of Conduct 'interest' issues. It was noted that the next meeting of the playing field committee is to be held on 17th May.

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- d) PLAYING FIELD ENTRANCE – Councillor Elsome advised that the trustees of the playing field are unhappy with the siting of the new wall.
- e) FLOWERBED MAINTENANCE – The Clerk advised that the Service Level Agreement for the annual flowerbed maintenance by NLC needed to be signed and returned immediately. It was noted that the pricing schedule is accurate and it was agreed to sign and return.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Chairman Signature Date: