

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **21st May 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs G Sherwood, J D Mountain, Mrs B Todd, J R Walker, G Day & T Foster, Mr M Sherwood and Mr R Harkness representing MJFC and the Clerk.

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from councillors Elsome, Caley & England.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Foster – Holme Meadow maintenance – personal interest as Chairman of Messingham Show.

18. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL - None.

19. HOLME MEADOW

- a) WEEDKILLER – Clerk reported that Veolia are scheduled to apply the weedkiller on 25th May.
- b) FLOODLIGHTS – Clerk reported that Lytec have secured the floodlights but are unable to set up the lighting until the autumn.
- c) GOAL POSTS – Councillor Walker reported that the holes have been filled in with soil.
- d) PITCH 1 – It was noted that no work can be carried out until July due to the bookings throughout July but it is hoped that regular grass cutting could help to level the ground after Messingham Show.

In accordance with Standing Order 69a it was agreed to invite the representatives from Messingham Junior Football Club to address the meeting.

Mr Harkness commented that the unevenness of the pitch is affecting play and asked that MJFC and the Parish Council work together to agree a plan of maintenance – this was agreed. He suggested a method of levelling with clay could be considered. Councillor Walker also suggested that slitting may help.

20. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

Councillor Sherwood reported that there are a large number of rabbit holes which need filling for safety. To be referred to handyman.

21. PLAY AREA

- a) Councillor Walker reported that the play equipment and the seats need painting – preferably before the school holidays. To be referred to handyman.
- b) Gate also requires some attention – Councillor Walker to arrange.
- c) The Clerk reported that she had made enquiries with the Safety Team at NLC regarding the frequency of play area inspections. As a visual check is made by the play area attendant every day this is enough to cover for the handyman's weekly check when he is on holiday. It was however, suggested that a checklist/timesheet be completed by the play area attendant on a daily basis so that a paper trail is available as evidence in the event of an accident – the Clerk agreed to create this and implement as soon as possible.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING