

Minutes of the **LEISURE & RECREATION COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday **25th June 2012** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J Mountain, J R Walker, Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome & J England; Mr R Harkness and Mr M Sherwood representing Messingham Junior Football Club and the Clerk.

36. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors Foster and Day.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

38. FOOTBALL PITCH MAINTENANCE

The Chairman invited the representatives of MJFC to give their suggestions for improvements to the pitches. Mr Harkness commented that the ultimate aim is for a consistent covering of grass and to bring the standard of pitch 1 to it's original standard. He reported that they had received advice that spiking, grass seed and followed by weed & feed would be appropriate, with fine soil mixed with the grass seed to help it germinate.

Councillor Walker reported that he had inspected the pitches and made the following suggestions:

- Move pitch 1 14 yards west to east.
- Deep tine prior to seeding – equipment available from Holme Hall Golf Club
- Apply top soil – Sibelco offered to supply 10 tonnes free of charge.
- Apply quick growing grass seed
- Apply fertiliser to pitches only.
- No need for weed & feed as the pitches have been weed sprayed.
- Ask Barry Ross to power harrow the goal mouths

All of these suggestions were accepted by both parties. MJFC agreed to supply a working party to apply the soil and any other labour intensive action required.

It was also agreed that the deep tining equipment be hired from Holme Hall Golf Club the first week in July and that the playing field be done as well.

Grass seed to be purchased and applied as soon as the deep tining is completed.

It was agreed that the cost of the maintenance programme would be met by the parish council and that an appropriate contribution by MJFC be considered when the full costs are known.

It was agreed that a joint meeting be held each year towards the end of the football season to discuss future requirements.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 7.25pm.