

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **1<sup>st</sup> October 2012** in Messingham village hall commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs B Todd, T Foster, M Caley & G Day and the Clerk.

**76. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors J England, J Mountain & W Elsome.

**77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received.**

**78. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL – None.**

**79. HOLME MEADOW**

- a) CHANGING FACILITY – Councillor Walker reported that the roof is leaking in one place. The handyman has inspected and has advised that the rust patches should be cleaned and sealed as necessary – to be carried out when he returns from holiday.
- b) DRAINAGE – Councillor Walker reported that the low areas are holding water although the football pitches are currently OK. He suggested that additional drainage is required and advised that he had made arrangements with Mr Branston, the original contractor for the drainage, to meet on site for advice and/or a price. It was noted that there are approx. 450 metres of drainage pipe required so a cost of up to £2000 can be expected. Agreed to consider at the precept when a fixed price has been received.
- c) SCALE OF CHARGES – The Clerk advised that the charges had not been reviewed since March 2011. It was agreed to recommend an increase in the non-village hire charge to £125 for a full day event and an increase in the electricity surcharge to MJFC to £175. All other charges to remain the same. *Councillor T Foster declared his interest as a member of the Messingham Horse & Foal Show Committee; Councillor Mrs G Sherwood declared her interest as the spouse of the Chairman of MJFC.*
- d) HEIGHT BARRIER – Councillor Walker reported that the height barrier has been damaged by persons unknown. It was suggested that the waste collection vehicle may have difficulty clearing the barrier – to be referred to Neighbourhood Services.

**80. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION – Nothing to report.**

**81. PLAY AREA**

- a) ANNUAL INSPECTION - The Clerk reported that the play area inspection should have been carried out on 26<sup>th</sup> September but no report received to date.
- b) BINS – Councillor Mrs Sherwood reported that the bins in the play area and the playing field car park are full – to be referred to Neighbourhood Services.
- c) UNAUTHORISED USE – Councillor Mrs Todd reported that she had visited the play area at approx. 11am to discover that a mini bus full of children and adult supervisors were using the play area. Councillor Mrs Sherwood confirmed this and reported that she had spoken to the adults and advised them that they would need to book this kind of visit in advance. No details were taken to confirm the identity of the group but it was believed to be a private nursery from the Gainsborough area.

**82. OTHER BUSINESS**

- a) PLAYING OF GOLF – The handyman had reported approximately 50 golf balls on the playing field extension/playing field which appeared to have been hit from the rear of 34 Northfield Road. It was noted that the owner is no longer resident at the property so it was suggested that the gate at the rear of 34 Northfield Road should be secured to prevent access into the playing field extension. It was also agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that a sign be erected to ban the playing or practising of golf.
- b) RABBIT CONTROL – The Clerk reported that she had not been able to confirm if Mr Duffield is still controlling the rabbits. She advised that Pestforce of Wildsworth, nr. Gainsborough and Mr Steve Barley of Butterwick Road have offered their services. It was agreed to get prices from both parties.
- c) PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK GATE – The Chairman made members aware of a recent fatal accident at Foxhills School involving a metal gate of the same design as the gate between the car park and the access track to the pavilion and bowls club. It was agreed to write to the Playing Field committee to ask them to remind the tenant clubs of their responsibility to fasten the gate securely and to encourage their vigilance in view of the recent fatality.

THIS CONCLUDED THE MEETING