

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **18th March 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm

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

161. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor Mrs B Todd

162. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

163. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL

Min 159g – Skate Park Request

The Clerk reported that she had informed Oliver Burrows about the mobile skate park available through StreetSport but that he had responded to advise that he and his friends go to football training on a Monday evening so this would not be an option for them.

164. HOLME MEADOW

- a) **DRAINAGE** – Councillor Walker reported that the ground is still waterlogged preventing the drainage work. It was suggested trying to pump the water away but it was thought that it is likely to refill. It was also noted that a hole has appeared in the field but it is not known what has caused it.
- b) **FLOODLIGHTS**
The Clerk reported that Councillor Caley has arranged for Holls Electrical to replace the faulty lights at no charge. It was noted that the lights are under guarantee.
- c) **PITCH MAINTENANCE**
Councillor Sherwood commented that a request can be expected from MJFC to have the pitches re-seeded. It was noted that this cannot be done until the end of the football season anyway.
- d) **TREE MAINTENANCE**
Councillor Elsome reported that the branches need trimming and that ¾ trees on the East side need to be removed. Handyman to be asked to do this. It was also noted that the trees on the North side need inspection.
- e) **DYKE REPAIR**
It was suggested that sandbags could be used to reinforce the dyke banks. The Ward Councillors to make enquiries at NLC.

165. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

Councillor Sherwood reported that the goal mouths on the junior football pitches need attention.

166. PLAY AREA

a) **SAFETY TILES**

The Clerk reported that work had commenced today to clean the tiles and would take two days. It was agreed that the play area should remain closed for an extra day due to the extreme wetness surrounding the tiles after cleaning.#

166. PLAY AREA continue

b) REAR OF PLAY AREA

Councillor Elsome reported that the debris and branches have still not been cleared. It was agreed to liaise with the handyman in the Spring to arrange the hire of a skip.

167. OTHER BUSINESS

a) MULTI USE GAMES AREA (MUGA)

Councillor England suggested that a Multi Use Games Area be considered to provide new sporting activities for all ages. The Chairman confirmed that funding is currently available for this type of project.

After a great deal of discussion the playing field extension was suggested as the most suitable site. It was noted that utility services would be required together with suitable access and possibly floodlights.

It was agreed to make further enquiries and obtain approximate costings before the next Parish Council meeting.

b) FLOWERBED CONTRACT

The Clerk advised that the 2013 contract for the flowerbed maintenance by NLC had been received. It was noted that the price was fixed for three years last year.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed 7.45pm.