

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs B Todd, Mrs P Skelton & Mrs G Sherwood; Mr R Harkness and Mr S Goodchild representing Messingham Junior Football Club; and the Clerk.

**31. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors J McKellar Main, W Elsome, T Foster & J England.

**32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received at this time.**

**33. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL – All as per the agenda.**

**34. HOLME MEADOW HIRE CHARGES REVIEW**

A summary of income and expenses for Holme Meadow for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015 were circulated to all members present together with the current Scale of Charges. A deficit of £1093 was noted which did not include the handyman hours for inspections and maintenance.

The Clerk reported that Messingham Junior Football Club has asked for the electricity surcharge to be reviewed. It was noted that the cost of electricity was £350 for 2014/15 and a charge of £175 made to MJFC. The Chairman proposed that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the representatives of MJFC to put their case for reduction – Agreed. Mr Goodchild explained that most of the training is now carried out elsewhere and that floodlight usage is therefore substantially reduced and queried the amount of usage. The Clerk explained that other than Messingham Show, the only usage is by MJFC for the changing facility and floodlights. She also explained that the cost for the supply to the floodlights is minimal but that the main cost is for the heating of the changing facility during the winter months. She also commented that there have been occasions when the heaters have been left on and not discovered until the handyman's weekly inspection. Mr Goodchild and Mr Harkness agreed to ensure that team managers are made aware of the need to check the heaters after every match. It was agreed to leave the electricity surcharge at £175 but to monitor usage during the 2015/16 season. Councillor Mrs Sherwood suggested that the cost of electricity be investigated and change provider if necessary.

The Scale of Charges was reviewed and agreed to be left the same for 2015/16.

Councillor Mrs Skelton queried the charge to Messingham Show. The Chairman explained that the Show Committee had previously paid a hire charge but had subsequently applied for funding from the precept. It had therefore been agreed to make no charge for the hire of field on the understanding that no further requests for funding would be made.

Councillor Mrs Skelton also queried the charge made for the MJFC Summer Tournament when it is exclusively for children. It was noted that children events are charged at a lower rate and that this charge had never been questioned by MJFC.

**35. HOLME MEADOW**

**a) Football Pitch Maintenance**

An email from Councillor Elsome was read out reporting the poor state of the goal areas and the unsatisfactory soil provided by the Parish Council last year. It was noted that soil taken from the MUGA footings is available at Holme Meadow for this purpose. Mr Harkness volunteered to undertake the pitch maintenance.

It was requested that Pitch 1 be turned round for the 2015/16 season to enable the existing goal mouth areas to rest and grow.

**b) Messingham Show**

It was reported that the height barrier and the changing facility door had been left open after the Show. Enquiries to be made with the Show Committee and make them aware that this is unacceptable.

**c) Dog Waste Bins**

It was reported that the dog waste bin on the outside of the gate is not being fully used even when the one inside the gate is overflowing. It was requested that the outside bin be relocated or another bin installed on the inside. Neighbourhood Services to be contacted.

**d) Camping**

It was reported that persons unknown had been camping on the field and had left the tent and rubbish behind. The Clerk advised that these had been removed and disposed of by the handyman.

**36. PLAY AREA****a) Weeds**

Councillor Elsome reported weeds growing through the play area fence and overhanging tree branches. It was agreed to ask the handyman to deal with this.

**b) Play Equipment**

Councillor Elsome reported that the play equipment needs painting. The Clerk reported that the handyman considers this to be too big a job for him in the times available to carry it out. It was noted that the quotation obtained from North Lincolnshire Council was excessive but it was agreed to obtain further quotations.

**37. M.U.G.A.****a) Litter Bin**

Noted that the new bin is ready for installation and a site visit has been arranged with Neighbourhood Services on 23<sup>rd</sup> June to determine the exact location of the bin.

**b) Ground Repairs**

Councillor Elsome suggested that the damage to the surrounding area of the MUGA needs to be reinstated to its original condition.

**c) Regular Inspection**

The Clerk reported that the handyman carries out a weekly inspection and Mr Eaton does a daily visual check for litter, sharps etc when he opens the gates.

**38. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION****a) Ground Repairs**

Councillor Elsome suggested that the damage caused by the removal of soil to the churchyard needs rectifying. It was noted that the area alongside the churchyard fence is low and unable to be cut by the mowers – it was agreed to instruct the handyman to strim the long grass and then determine the level of repair required.

**b) Car Parking**

Councillor Mrs Sherwood advised that the PCC had requested use of the Playing Field for parking for the Induction of the new Vicar on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. She advised that it was intended that the grass areas on the Extension and the main playing field would be taped off and that all parking would be on the main car park and at the rear of the pavilion.

**39. OTHER BUSINESS**

Councillor Mrs Sherwood advised that speed limit signs are to be installed on the service road by the Playing Field Committee and asked if one of the signs could be erected on the play area fence. It was agreed to look at an appropriate location during the site visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 8.00pm.