

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT:** Councillors J McKellar Main (Chair), Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs P Skelton & J England; and the Clerk.

**22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Received from Councillors N Poole & T Foster

**23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J England – Holme Meadow – personal as Messingham Show committee member.

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

**25. HOLME MEADOW**

- a) PITCH INSPECTION – The preliminary report from Rob Harkness was discussed briefly but it was agreed to wait for the official report before deciding on any further action. It was noted that Holme Meadow is a recreation field for all activities and not just football. It was suggested that MJFC may qualify for grants via the FA for any costly work required.
- b) DRAINAGE – Noted that there are still issues with standing water – suggestions included installing a sink hole with a gully to the main drain; or a holding tank.
- c) DYKES – The clerk reported that Barry Ross has requested that the row of trees nearest the dyke be cut down to allow machine access to clear the dyke – this was agreed. It was again suggested that the end of the drains be identified and sleeves attached to extend the pipe into the dyke – to be referred to the handyman
- d) DOG FOULING – The Clerk reported that she had been made aware of the We're Watching You Campaign signs by Keep Britain Tidy which are eye-catching and effective. It was agreed to make further enquiries into these signs.

**26. PLAY AREA**

Councillor Elsome commented that the play area is a 'disgrace' for the following reasons:

- a) Grass – very high – agreed it is not cut short enough and also needs cutting weekly.
- b) Weeds/Nettles – growing through from the rear of the play area need strimming and weedkilling. It was agreed to get a price from Glendale for this and also for the playing field extension and Holme Meadow.
- c) Equipment Painting – still requires doing – the Clerk reported that the handyman has bought the paint and will commence in the near future.

**27. M.U.G.A.**

- a) Attendant – Mrs Melanie Walden now employed following the necessary DBS checks. Noted that a mobile phone is required and a new sign with the new information.
- b) Noise Nuisance – complaint referred from the Parish Council in respect of the noise from balls hitting the fencing – enquiries ongoing.

**28. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION**

- a) The tracks caused during the MUGA installation still not repaired. Handyman and Barry Ross to be contacted.
- b) Elder tree in the corner near the electric meter box needs cutting off.
- c) Glendale to be contacted to determine when the strimming is to be carried out.

**29. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Clerk had produced draft Terms of Reference for this committee. The details were agreed for approval by the Parish Council.

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