

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on **Monday 22nd March 2010** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, T Foster, J R Walker & J Mountain and the Clerk,

195. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor J England

196. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None received

197. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL

a) Min 187h Guides Request to Plant Tree

It was agreed that the most appropriate place for the tree would be in the first gap beyond the changing facility. It was agreed to ask the handyman to place a stake in the gap and also to remind the guides that regular watering will be required until the tree is established.

198. HOLME MEADOW

- a) DOG WALKERS – the number of dogs under the control of one person under the NLC Dog Control Order was queried as a regular dog walker has 4 dogs and is allowing them off the lead. It was agreed to refer this to the dog wardens.
- b) RECENT ATTACK ON RESIDENT – it was noted that a youth attacked an elderly gentleman who was walking his dog which resulted in the gentleman being taken to hospital. It was agreed to ask the police for developments in this case.
- c) NORTH DYKE – it was noted that Mr Fowler has had the self-sets removed from the dyke. It was agreed to send thanks for this action. It was also noted that there is one further self set on the parish council side which needs to be removed. Mr Ross to be asked to do this.
- d) DOG FOULING – a letter was received from Messingham Junior Football Club complaining of the amount of dog waste, which needs to be removed from the football pitches prior to each game, and suggesting a leaflet to every household. It was agreed to accept the offer of MJFC delivering the leaflets but it was noted that not every dog walker on Holme Meadow is from Messingham, so it was agreed that leaflets also be handed out at Holme Meadow at appropriate times. It was also suggested using the Scunthorpe Telegraph and NLC Direct magazine to bring attention to the problem.
- e) CAR PARKING – It was noted that on Saturday 20th March a number of cars were parked on the Holme Lane verge for a football match, and also that one was parked on the field as well as large number parked on the east of the roadway. It was agreed to remind the football club of the rules regarding parking within the field. It was also agreed to erect a sign on the middle gate to indicate No Pedestrian Access.
- f) CONTAINER AGREEMENTS
 - 1. SDPOC – agreement approved and signed. It was noted that the condition of the container is poor and requires refurbishment in accordance with the agreement.
 - 2. MESSINGHAM JUNIOR F.C. – agreement approved and signed. It was noted that two sets of goal posts are laid in the grass by the container which is preventing grass cutting – to be removed in accordance with the agreement.
- g) FOOTBALL PITCHES - It was noted that MJFC require an additional game on 2nd May. It was agreed that the goal posts can remain on pitches 2 & 3 until 2nd May. Goals on pitch 1 to be removed after 11th April. It was agreed to advise SDPOC of the extended use of the pitches.

198. HOLME MEADOW continued

- h) GRASS CUTTING – it was agreed to ask Veolia to cut right up to the eastern dyke and it was suggested that the churchyard mower be used for the first cut and the gang mowers thereafter. It was also agreed to request a quotation for weed killing along the eastern dyke. Site visit to be suggested. It was also agreed to ask the handyman to seed along the eastern dyke.

199. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

- a) RUBBISH IN S.E. CORNER – Councillor Elsome provided photographs of a quantity of branches and various litter is in the area to the rear of Mr Cooper’s property. It was agreed to ask the handyman to clear same and continue to take photographs of the area in case of future problems.
- b) UNEVEN GROUND – it was noted that the field has become very uneven, possibly due to the prolonged winter conditions. It was also noted that there is a rabbit problem near the churchyard corner near the roadway. It was agreed to contract David Jacklin for three months to deal with the problem.

200. PLAY AREA

- a) OPENING TIMES – Councillor Walker suggested that the 4.00pm closure to 30th April should be changed to 31st March. This was agreed and the play area attendant to be advised.
- b) ROCKING ROOSTER – It was noted that the safety surface is slightly worn. To be referred to Wicksteeds.

201. OTHER BUSINESS

PLAYING FIELD CAR PARK – It was noted that the car park needs sweeping and it was agreed to ask Neighbourhood Services for their assistance in this matter, as a one off prior to the Yorkshire in Bloom judging at the end of April.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00pm