

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** Meeting held on **Monday 24th May 2010** in the Village Hall commencing at 7.15pm.

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

17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors T Foster and M Caley

18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None Received

19. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL – None

20. HOLME MEADOW

- a) Councillor Sherwood reported a gap in the hedge, which is being used as an access point into the field, with cars parking on the grass verge instead of in the car park. It was agreed to ask the handyman to fill the gap with wooden stakes before Messingham Show takes place on 6th June.
- b) Strimming required around the car park, village sign, middle gate entrance and the trees on the left where the grass cutters cannot reach – to be referred to handyman.
- c) Drainage – It was noted that the clearance of the dykes and partial cleaning of the drains as worked to a degree but Councillor Elsome proposed that new drains be installed across the lowest areas as previously discussed. This was agreed.
- d) Electricity/Water meter cabinet requires slight repair and painting. Agreed to ask Mr Richard Todd to repair the brickwork and the handyman to paint.
- e) Pitch 1 – Councillor Walker asked that consideration be given to resiting Pitch 1 north to south for one year to allow the ground to recover. Messingham Junior FC to be consulted.

21. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

- a) Boundary – 28 Northfield Road. The Clerk reported that the owner, Mr Elvin, had telephoned and has no objections to a fence being erected by the Parish Council. Site meeting with Mr Elvin to be arranged.
- b) Unauthorised Access from 34 Northfield Road. Councillor Walker reported that a gate has been installed on the boundary to access the playing field and confirmed that garden rubbish and grass cuttings are being deposited on Parish Council land. It was agreed to take photographs as evidence before writing to the owner to advise him that there is no right of access.
- c) It was noted that a football pitch is marked out but Councillor Sherwood advised that it is used for training of the Under 6's.

22. PLAY AREA

It was noted that the play area is in excellent condition.

- a) Clerk advised that the play area attendant has reported that older children appear to be gaining access after the gates are locked. It was agreed to make a site visit to determine the access point and deal with as appropriate.
- b) Opening Times – After consideration it was agreed to continue with the 6pm closure in the summer to prevent use by older children.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting Closed at 7.35pm