

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **27th September 2010** in the village hall commencing at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J McKellar Main (left at 8.00pm), J R Walker, Mrs B Todd, J D Mountain & T Foster (arrived at 7.25pm), the Clerk and Mr B Watson, Mr D Gawley and Mrs L Murphy of the North Lincolnshire Armed Forces Event Day Committee.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors J England, W Elsome and Mrs G Sherwood.

90. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None received

91. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL

a) Min 84f Armed Forces Day Event 25th June 2011

Mr Gawley gave a summary of the proposed format for the event which will include a licensed bar until 10.30pm, marching parade, stalls and live entertainment until 11.00pm.

Holme Meadow will be required from Friday evening until Sunday morning and security services will be provided by Triple SSS Ltd.

Assurances were given that the terms and conditions of hire will be adhered to, including appropriate insurance, licences etc. It was also noted that a member of the committee has a health and safety qualification, and that the event is ultimately controlled by the Ministry of Defence.

It was noted that Mr Foster Thornton is to be approached for the use of the adjacent field for car parking. It was agreed that without this facility the event would probably have to be moved to another venue. Concerns were raised about car parking on and around Holme Lane and assurance was given that assistance would be sought from the Police and also that a bus service from Scunthorpe is to be considered to reduce the number of cars.

It was requested that the changing facility be made available for use by the ATC band – this was agreed.

b) Dog Fouling

The Clerk reported that she had received an enquiry from Neighbourhood Services, in response to a complaint from a Messingham resident, that a fenced off area be provided on Holme Meadow for dog walkers – she reported that she had informed Neighbourhood Services that signs are in place requesting that dogs be kept to the perimeter but that fencing would be impractical, given the size of the field and the difficulties of policing it. It was agreed that the signs need to be updated and that using the perimeter should be mandatory and not a request. The Clerk also commented that the leaflets for dog owners are almost ready for distribution by MJFC.

92. HOLME MEADOW

a) RAGWORT reported by Cllr. Elsome via email.

It was noted that Cllr. Elsome had requested a quotation from Veolia for treatment of the ragwort, but that this had not been received to date. The Clerk reported that Veolia had been approached previously and advised that ragwort does not respond to chemical treatment but needs to be physically removed. It was agreed to ask Barry Ross to flail the affected areas.

b) EAST SIDE reported by Cllr Elsome via email.

Second weed spraying required for the area on the dyke bank as some areas were missed previously. Agreed to consider this for the spring.

92. HOLME MEADOW continued

b) Grass seed required for barren areas along the east side. Agreed to task handyman.

c) *TREES reported by Cllr. Elsome by email*

Reminder that trees on west side have not been strimmed by handyman as previously suggested.

Several trees have not grown/matured in the planted areas. It was agreed that trees are regularly donated by residents and that these can be used to fill in any gaps or replace dead trees.

d) *DYKE BANK TO NORTH reported by Cllr. Elsome by email*

Reminder that trees growing on Holme Meadow side of bank, close to Pony Club container, still need removing. B Ross to be asked to remove but it was noted that it is difficult to get access with a JCB as the area is very narrow.

One area of bank slipping into the dyke. Agreed that repair will be difficult so further enquiries to be made with Mr Ross.

e) *PONY CLUB STORAGE reported by Cllr. Elsome by email*

No progress has been made by the Pony Club to repair and paint the container. It was noted that the Pony Club are in the process of replacing the container.

f) *CESS PIT REAR OF STORAGE FACILITY reported by Cllr. Elsome by email*

The area on top of the cess pit is uneven and dangerous. Agreed to task handyman to add top soil and level and seed as necessary

g) *DRAINAGE enquiry from Cllr. Elsome by email*

It was noted that despite making contact with Mr Chappell he has not responded as promised. It was agreed that his original price given in January 2008 is now likely to be much greater but that other contractors are known to be far more expensive. It was agreed that the drainage work is not urgent and that the ground should be monitored after heavy rainfall to determine the extent of the problem.

h) **CHANGING FACILITY**

The Clerk reported that the painting work is due to begin week commencing 11th October.

93. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

RUBBLE REAR OF 28 NORTHFIELD ROAD reported by Cllr Elsome by email

Rubble etc needs to be cleared. Agreed to arrange a mini-skip in liaison with the handyman. It was noted that the Parish Council do not have a key for the height barrier so it was agreed to request a key from the Playing Field committee.

94. PLAY AREA

The Clerk reported that one of the judges' comments from the CPRE Best Kept Village Competition was that some of the equipment needed painting. It was agreed to remind the handyman of this.

It was noted that Veolia have quoted £40 to apply weed killer to the safety tiles and the Clerk advised that she had actioned this to be done in the next couple of weeks. This action was approved.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING