

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 5 October 2015  
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs, K Green, B Hopkins, D Wright, S Payne & V Brundle.

**Also in Attendance:** Parish Clerk & Cllr J Houston

**479 Apologies for absence**

**It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Davey & Mrs L Rice.**

**480 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**481 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 7 September 2015**

a) Cllr Wright proposed that the minutes be signed this was seconded by Cllr Payne. **It was resolved for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record**

**482 Matters Arising**

Sports Ground Management

Cllr Hopkins advised that Mrs Rice should be invited to the next Sports Ground Management Committee.

Sports Noticeboard

Cllr Payne asked if a price had been received for the sports noticeboard. The Clerk advised that she had a price for a 16 A4 board. Cllr Payne felt that it was too big for the sports board. **It was resolved for the Clerk to source a price for an 8A4 noticeboard.**

**483 Mrs L Rice – Intervillage Sports/Sports**

Mrs Rice unfortunately is unable to be with us tonight. Cllr Green asked for this item to be deferred to the next meeting. Everyone in agreement. Cllr Payne said that next year Jack Southgate had agreed to work with Mrs Rice to organise the Children's Activities and use Alive for the climbing wall etc. Cllr Brundle asked when it would take place. Provisional dates of w/c 8 & 15 August 2016.

**484 Recreation area**

a) Have a Party.

Cllr Payne advised that all had a good time, and it fulfilled the Wren contract. It was disappointing the a few stalls did not turn up and also the face painting. Cllr Brundle asked if there was any income. Cllr Payne advised that £18.00 has been taken and this was used to pay for the children's prizes. Cllr Brundle asked what the cost to the Council was. The Clerk advised £365.00. Cllr Payne advised that next year an event would be held with the Sports Ground Management groups on their field and it is hoped that all organisations in the village will take part. A provisional date of the 18 September 2016 was agreed.

b) Playground Inspection

The Clerk advised that Cllr Green had sent through the last four weeks reports via email this morning. The Clerk asked that she receive these weekly as if there is urgent repairs

etc she would need them straightaway. **It was resolved for Cllr Green to send through every week.**

The Clerk advised that more detail was needed eg which bench needed repair and where was it. Cllr Green advised that it was the bench on the Bank Road side that was not fit to be in the playground. **It was resolved that the Clerk gets the bench removed.** Cllr Green advised that the playground being un-kept and rated high due to six broken bottles he had found.

The Clerk advised she had ordered the repairs from Playdale and the cheque has been sent off. This will mend the infant swing and the bucket swing. Cllr Brundle and Cllr Green could not see how the bolts would repair the bucket swing and did not see how they would go through the metal rim. The Clerk advised that if the bolts would not fix the issue then a new swing seat was needed at £1,100.00. The Clerk advised that Cllr Davey had raised a query regarding the roof of the teen shelter but this had been checked and all bolts were in place. The Clerk had chased the quotes re the boat but they still had not been received.

#### **485 Skatepark**

Cllr Payne advised that a local company who had agreed to mend the skatepark had been unable to meet up as yet but it is hoped that a site meeting will take place this week.

#### **486 a) Recreation Activities.**

**a) Christmas Lights** Cllr Wright advised that Mr Keith Green had told him that he would donate £600.00 towards the lights but in light of the Having A Party event he did not know if the offer was still on the table. The Clerk advised that the old Christmas lights had been condemned by an electrician. The Clerk advised the committee of two quotes that she had received for commercial outdoor lights, as that is the only ones appropriate. The other quote should have been received this afternoon. **It was resolved that at least one tree extra will be lit up this year. The Clerk to chase the other quote and then email all the figures around. If the other quote was non competitive then two sets be brought from the Blanchere. If the last quote were competitive then an extra meeting would need to be called.**

#### **487 Recreation Trees**

The Clerk advised that a quote had been received for cutting the trees from Dan Yeoman's, for £820.00 to undertake all the trees on the Recreation Ground. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place the order with Mr Yeoman's to get the work completed explaining the urgency because of the Christmas lights.**

#### **488 Accounts**

##### **a) Current Financial Position**

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget statement. This had been looked out regarding monies for Christmas Lights. Everything in order.

#### **489 Correspondence**

The Clerk advised that an application for the Borough Council to get the playground Graffiti to be sorted this still had not been achieved. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase the Borough Council.**

A letter had been received from TTSR Ltd re supplying Christmas Trees. There was also a leaflet from Wickstead regarding outdoor gym.

**490 Items for inclusion at the next meeting**

Recreation Bin  
Village Party event  
Precept

**491 Date of next meeting**

**Monday 2 November 2015 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.**

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.57pm.