

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 7 December 2015  
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs, C Davey, K Green, B Hopkins, D Wright, S Payne, V Brundle

**Also in Attendance:** Parish Clerk, Louise Rice & Cllr J Houston

**514 Apologies for absence**  
Everyone present

**515 Declarations of interest**  
There were no declarations of interest.

**516 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 2 November 2015**  
a) Cllr Green proposed that the minutes be signed this was seconded by Cllr Hopkins. **It was resolved for the Chair to sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.** Cllr Brundle advised that she was not happy with changing amounts within budget lines. Cllr Davey advised that it is within a budget and has Full Council Approval and is totally legal.

**517 Matters Arising**  
Sports Noticeboard  
The Clerk advised that the noticeboard is now in place.

Graffiti

Cllr Davey said that the graffiti was still present on the equipment. The Clerk advised that the Administrative Assistant had chased the Borough Council but no reply had been received. **It was resolved for Cllr Payne to chase.**

Goal Posts

Cllr Hopkins advised that he had seen the quote that the Clerk had sent round for £160.00 to undertake the painting of the goal posts. Cllr Hopkins said that he has advised the office that he has found a village man who will undertake for £50.00 if we provide the white hammerite. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain the quote and if for this amount to accept and offer the job. Cllr Wright has agreed to purchase the paint and invoice the Council.**

Fields in Trust Plaque

The Clerk advised that this is now in place to Cllr Hipkins revised drawing.

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

Mrs Rice advised that herself, Cllr Davey and the Clerk met with Adam Garford and a Mr Wise Health and Safety Advisor and went through the issues. Cllr Davey advised that it was a good meeting and helpful for moving forward. The Clerk read out a letter received after the meeting. The Clerk advised that Mr Garford was also interested in using Jack Southgate, and was keen to use local people were possible.

Mrs Rice advised that she had been invited and recently attended a Sport Ground Management Committee Meeting and how been given some new contacts etc for the Intervillage Games.

**It was resolved for Children's Activities to be placed on the next agenda.**

**519 Recreation area**

a) Playground Inspection

The Clerk advised that the inspection sheets had been received this morning as Cllr Green had a computer problem. Everything was in order the shackles on the Air Rider need to be kept an eye on and the planting needed attention. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Cllr Hathaway if the Task Force might have a look at the planting.**

b) Litter Bin

This is for a litter bin in the Children's Play Area. The Clerk handed round some quotes for Children's bins. The Committee felt that an ordinary bin was better. **It was resolved for the Clerk to obtain a quote from Glasdon for an ordinary bin around 100 litre capacity.**

**520 Skatepark**

The Clerk advised that the Skatepark was now removed but the contractor had to obtain another skip so has asked that he increases his quote to cover the £180.00 skip. The Committee agreed to pay the additional amount this time but in future the payments would be limited to the bid. **It was resolved for the additional skip cost to be paid.**

**521 Recreation Activities.**

a) Christmas Lights

The Clerk advised that the lights should be completed in the morning. Due to using the connectors this meant that the transformers were removed and as such more sockets are needed in the trees. Cllr Green and Cllr Brundle were not happy with the way the lights had been placed in the tree with regarding to the Christmas tree connectors could be easily reached. Cllr Davey advised that he had checked with a Health and Safety Advisor and everything was in order. Cllr Davey advised that this project has not gone well. Cllr Davey advised that local people should be asked to quote next year and they need to be asked to quote in April for the work to be finished by October. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Thaxters if the lights could be purchased eg summer sale etc and to try and obtain a streetlight key.**

b) Village Party Event

The date of the 18 September 2016 at the Sports Field has been set and a few groups advised.

c) The Big Lunch

The Clerk advised that that date for 2016 is 5 June. Cllr Payne advised that this has to be planned and manned.

d) Car Boot Sales

Cllr Davey said that he would like to see some car boot sales on the recreation ground to fund raise. The Committee felt that the area was not big enough and parking was an issue. **It was resolved for this idea not to be taken further.**

**522 Accounts**

**Current Financial Position**

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget statement. The Clerk advised that she had not moved the money within the budget yet but would do so before next Monday's Full Council Meeting. Any monies let over would go into the ring fenced monies for the new skatepark with the £4,550 from last year.

**523 Precept**

It was agreed that if possible the Clerk to remove 5035, 5040 and 5060 from next year's budget report.

**524 Correspondence**

The Clerk had received tonight via Cllr Green a letter from a Parishioner complaining about the new Christmas Lights. **It was resolved for the Clerk to write to the lady and advise.**

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

Car boot Sales - delete  
Security – add  
Children's Activities - add

**525 Date of next meeting**

**Monday 4 January 2016 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.**

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.