

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 1 February 2016
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

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

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk & Cllr J Houston

539 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr Davey and Cllr Wright. In the absence of Cllr Davey, Cllr Green took the Chair.

540 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

541 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 4 January 2016

a) Cllr Payne 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**

542 Matters Arising

Goal Posts

Cllr Hopkins advised that the goal posts had been painting with two coats and were looking a lot better.

543 Mrs L Rice – Intervillage Sports/Sports

Mrs Rice is not present this evening and has resigned at Village Sports-Co-ordinator. The Clerk advised that she had wished her well and asked if she wished to stay on this Committee and the Sports Ground Management re her involvement with the Intervillage Games, but had not received a reply as yet. Cllr Green asked that a thank you letter is sent to Mrs Rice. **It was resolved for the Clerk to send a letter.**

544 Recreation area

a) Inspection Reports. Cllr Green went through his latest report. Cllr Green advised that the gate at Bank Road needed some repair as it was twisted and the weld has broken and is sharp. The Clerk advised that she had asked a couple of contractors to look at the gate previously but no quotes had been received. **It was resolved for the Clerk to try and find a contractor willing to undertake the work.** Cllr Green said that there is a lot of glass on the field and felt that it was not getting cleared away on a daily basis. **It was resolved for the Clerk to speak with Mr Lee.** The Clerk advised that Mr Lee had informed her that the new litter bin had been vandalised but that he had been able to put it back together really is not strong enough for the Park. Mr Lee also asked that the old broken concrete bins are removed as at the moment they are being used as a climbing device. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get them removed.** Cllr Green advised that the trees by the side of the Zip Wire are encroaching on the wire. These are on a public footpath. **It was resolved for the Clerk to report to Highways.** Cllr Green said that the swings are getting close to needing work and the grasslok has come up again. The shackles on the Bucket Swing needed to be replaced soon. The Clerk advised that this was a sealed unit and the whole thing would need replacing at a cost of around

£1,100.00. The Boat is a trip hazard as the wood is still in place. The Clerk advised that PCL had not charged to concrete in as they could not provide the wet pour. Cllr Davey had previously reported that the wet pour was not needed. The Clerk advised that the wood would be removed and a soil bank as per Cllr Davey's instructions would be achieved tonight.

- b) Litter Bin
In place see previous item.

545 **Skatepark**

Cllr Green said that the grass was growing nicely. The Clerk read out estimates of possible replacement costs. Cllr Payne advised that a consultation with the Children was necessary to ascertain their needs.

546 **a) Recreation Activities.**

a) Christmas Lights the Clerk advised that she had received a quote for the socket from two different suppliers. One is considerably cheaper but permission is needed from County for this supplier to undertake the work. **It was resolved for the Clerk to try and gain permission and to get the work completed before the end of the year.**

b) Village Party Event The Clerk advised that she has invited the people who attended last year and also all the groups in the village. Those that attended last year have agreed to come back this year, but she has only heard back from the Scouts who will take it to a meeting. **It was resolved for the Clerk to invite Chloe Lawson re face painting and the schools nearby.**

c) The Big Lunch Cllr Payne advised that the Church has agreed to work with the Council and Cllr Payne is waiting for more information.

d) Children's Activities Nothing to report. The Clerk advised that she had received a request to reintroduce a Sporting Directory. **It was resolved for the Clerk to pass on to Jack Southgate.**

Cllr Brundle advised that the Royal British Legion were holding a Fun Day on the 2 May 2016 at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk advised that the necessary risk assessments/insurance documents etc would need to be sent to her prior to the event.

547 **Accounts**

a) **Current Financial Position**

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget statement. Everything in order. The Clerk advised that the cost of the trees being cut had been taken from the budget so the Clerk had not gone further with the purchase of Christmas Lights until April.

548 **Correspondence**

Discussed under agenda items.

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

Same agenda.

550 Date of next meeting
Monday 7 March 2016 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.40pm.