

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 7 March 2016
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs, K Green, B Hopkins, D Wright & S Payne

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk, & Cllr J Houston

551 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr C Davey.

552 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

553 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 1 February 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**

554 Matters Arising

All items on the agenda.

555 Mrs L Rice – Intervillage Sports/Sports

Mrs Rice has resigned from being Village Sports Co-Coordinator. The Clerk has written to her and thanked her as per the last minutes and enquired if she wished to remain on this committee but has not received a reply.

556 Recreation area

a) Inspection Reports. Cllr Green advised that he computer had gone wrong and has only just sent through a month's playground inspection reports. The Clerk asked if they could come through weekly because if there is something that needs attention urgently waiting until the meeting was too late. Cllr Payne asked if they could come through weekly so the Clerk can act appropriately. Cllr Green agreed to send through weekly.

The Clerk advised that she had contacted NCC Highways regarding the trees on the footpath hanging over the fencing in the Recreation Ground and not clearing the zip wire. They had advised that the trees were not the property of NCC and she thought they were owned by the householders of Bank Road. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact Tulip as they were looking for a project for new employees and also for the Clerk to write to all households in Bank Road asking them if they had any objections to the Parish Council dealing with the trees.**

b) Litter Bin

The Clerk asked if the concrete bins have been removed. Cllr Green advised that they were still there yesterday. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase up their removal and also to obtain quotes for a new metal litterbin.**

557 Skatepark

The Clerk handed round some skatepark designs that she had requested. **It was resolved that a consultation with the user group was necessary and for this to take place in June/July.**

558 a) Recreation Activities.

a) Christmas Lights The Clerk advised that there was not enough money in the budget for the socket and lights to be purchased in this financial year. The Clerk advised that she had contacted NCC to obtain permission for K & M Streetlighting Ltd to put the socket in the County Lamp Column. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

b) Village Party Event

The Clerk advised that she had heard back from all Stall Holders and all agreed to attend apart from the Face Painting. Nothing had been received from the village groups. **It was resolved for the Clerk to try and find another Face Painter and to put a reminder in the next Village Voice.**

c) The Big Lunch

Cllr Payne advised that she is still waiting for Tom Wheeler (Church Warden) to give her more details of the event on the 12 June to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

d) Children's Activities

It was resolved for the Clerk to set up the Children's activities with Jack Southgate. Cllr Payne advised that he does not need to cover all the days, as the Council will look to hold some craft, drama & dance sessions.

559 Accounts

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget statement. Everything in order. The Clerk advised that she had a bill for Grasscutting to pay and an electricity payment to be taken by Direct Debit. Cllr Payne advised that the expenditure budget is on target it is the lack of income that has put the accounts out.

560 Correspondence

Nothing received.

561 Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Remove Mrs Rice's Report No 4

562 Date of next meeting

Monday 4 April 2016 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.30pm.