

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

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

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk, Cllr J Houston

632 Apologies for absence

Everyone Present

633 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

634 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 3 October 2016

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 after the following amendment: Cllr Wright was present.**

635 Matters Arising

Everything on the agenda.

636 Recreation Area

a) Inspection Reports. The Clerk advised that no inspection reports had been received for some time and our Insurance Company require a written weekly report. The Clerk asked that a member of the Office undertake a visual inspection of the playground if one has not been received. **It was resolved for Cllr Davey to undertake this function.**

The Clerk advised that she had met with Mr Will Desborough the Representative for Playdale and he agreed that the wet pour needed attention and he would get his technical team to have a look and he would report back this was over two years ago and nothing has been received. The Clerk had tried to get in contact but has been unable to speak with him. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase up as this needs urgent attention. The Clerk agreed to put it in writing that the Council would hold Playdale responsible.** The Clerk advised that she had received another quote to undertake the surface work and the bucket swing. The Clerk advised that the quote was for rubber mulch, which was cheaper than wet pour. Cllr Green felt that the roundabout should be taken out of circulation and fenced off or taken apart. The Clerk advised that fencing in the past has only caused more damage as they breakdown the fencing

and cause more damage. **It was resolved for the Clerk to contact this latest firm and ask when they could agree the wet pour on the roundabout and boat. It was also resolved for the Clerk to check the cost of the bucket swing with Playdale.** The Clerk advised that she had received another quote for the gate but did not believe it was for a replacement gate. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ascertain what the quote was for and obtain a like for like quote.** There was a discussion regarding the surface around the zip wire and **It was resolved to get the item re-turfed in the Spring.** Cllr Davey said that the kissing gate needed attention at the other end. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get a quote to repair.**

637 Skatepark

Funding to be looked at in the New Year.

638 a) Recreation Activities.

a) Christmas Lights The Electrician agreed to get the lights undertaken by the 27th. The other two sets of lights are waiting for collection at Thaxters the Clerk said that she would collect tomorrow. Cllr Wight said that the Council should ask for a date when the Electrician will start. The Clerk advised that the Electrician was using as a fill in job. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask the Electrician for a start date.** The Clerk confirmed that the socket had now been placed on the pole ready.

b) Christmas Activities

Mr Blackwell went through the things that he has organised. Thaxters are happy for the event to go ahead with regards to Santa. **It was resolved for the Clerk to put on What's on, KLFM etc. To get banners made and put up.** Mr Blackwell has asked for public liability certificates and Cllr Payne asked that these be copied to the Clerk. **It was resolved for the lights to be switched on at 5.00pm. It was also resolved for the Clerk to purchase a gazebo with sides.** Mr Blackwell advised that he has lighting organised and was hoping to get a choir to sing carols. Mr Blackwell advised that he had a meeting with Mrs Platt at the school on Wednesday but she has agreed in principle to the school choir attending. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Mr Davis if the Church Choir or some musicians to attend. It was also resolved that a toilet was not needed at £125.00.**

c) Village Party Event 10 September 2017

It was resolved for the Clerk to contact everyone who attended this year with the date and time for next year and see if they are available.

639 Accounts

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget Statement. Everything in order. The proposed precept figures were agreed in draft. (Please see attached). The Clerk also advised that the grasscutting contract was up for renewal. **It was resolved for the Clerk to send out the tender for the next three years.**

640 Correspondence

The Clerk had prices for no dog fouling signs. **It was resolved for the Clerk to put on the next agenda as should have been brought up under matters arising.**

Landscapes and Amenity newspaper.

641 Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Same agenda.

642 Date of next meeting

Monday 5 December 2016 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm