

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 6 February 2017
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

Present: Cllrs, C Davey, B Hopkins & S Payne

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk & one Parishioner

654 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr D Wright & Mr K Blackwell

655 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

656 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 9 January 2017

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.**

657 Matters Arising

Everything on the agenda.

658 Recreation Area

a) Inspection Reports. The Clerk advised that no response has been received from Cllr Green regarding inspection reports. Mr Blackwell agreed to take over the checking of the playground and attend the course at Dereham next month. Cllr Hopkins to think about attending the course and acting as a Deputy.

Gate

The Clerk advised that the gate was on order but was still waiting for a start date.

Basket Swing/Boat

The Clerk advised that these were on order and work would start within the next two weeks. The Clerk advised that with half term the w/c 20th might be better.

Kissing Gate

The Clerk advised that she has not been and checked but attention has been given to the gate and it is now working correctly.

Trees of Heaven

The Clerk advised that she had met with the Electrician and it would be £200 max to re-work the electrics for the Christmas Lights, take the lights down. The Clerk is waiting for Mr Yeoman to confirm a start date.

Goal Post

The Clerk advised that she had not received a response from Heronwood Landscapes regarding the goal posts. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get the goalmouth filled and seeded.**

Dog Fouling Signs

The Clerk advised that the signs have been received. **It was resolved for the Clerk to get these cable tied to the gates/fencing on the Recreation Ground.**

659 Skatepark

The Clerk advised that she had asked one of the Children to give her some feedback from the Children on the design of the proposed skatepark but it had not been received as yet. Cllr Payne proposed that the Council Support Grant is ring-fenced again this year for the Skatepark. **It was resolved to recommend to Full Council that £3,500 is added to the ring-fenced monies for the Skatepark.**

660 Recreation Activities.

a) Christmas Lights The Clerk advised that Thaxter's did not have any lights left but she would check with Thaxter's if they can be purchased at this time of year. **It was resolved to wait until next month's meeting to check on the budget.**

b) Easter Activities Cllr Payne advised that this was a Dersingham Centre Association Event.

c) Village Party Event 10 September 2017

The Clerk has contacted all the exhibitors from last year and the majority have agreed to return this year. The Clerk advised that a Sponsored Dog Show is to be part of the event and she may have a sponsor for this. **It was resolved for the Clerk to produce a list of possible attraction for the next meeting.**

661 Accounts/Precept

a) **Current Financial Position**

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget Statement. Everything in order. The proposed precept figures were agreed at the precept meeting. **It was resolved for the Clerk to ask Mr Blackwell if there were any games that he might like to see if they could be purchased from this year's budget. It was also resolved to look at playground equipment suitable for disabled persons next year.**

662 Correspondence

Email from the Horticultural Group. The Clerk advised that unfortunately the group were to disband because they could not find a Chair, which is a real shame with 90+ members. The Group have decided that they would like to place a bench in the village. The Environment Committee advised that the Station Road end of the Recreation Ground could do with a bench. After discussion **It was resolved for the Clerk to get back to the group and advise that the bench with a plaque would be fine and for it to be placed around the kissing gate.**

663 Items for inclusion at the next meeting

Same agenda minus Christmas Lights and Precept.

664 Date of next meeting

Monday 6 March 2017 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm