

**Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 9 May 2016
at Council Offices at 6.00pm.**

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

Also in Attendance: Parish Clerk, & Cllr J Houston

574 Apologies for absence

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr D Wright

575 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

576 Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting of 4 April 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**

577 Matters Arising

Bucket Swing

The Clerk advised that when she went to the conference recently she spoke to a company in Cambridgeshire who sell play equipment parts. They had come back to her and quoted £500.00 for a replacement bucket swing which is £600 cheaper than the playground provider.

Bank Road.

The Clerk advised that she had heard from several residents equally for and against clearing the area between the footpath and Bank Road. **It was resolved that if it could not be all cleared then it was not possible to continue. Cllr Edwards to trim the trees from the Zip Wire as soon as possible. It was also resolved for the Clerk to check with NCC Highways how wide the footpath should be.**

578 Recreation area

a) Inspection Reports. The Clerk had received inspection reports from Cllr Brundle. There were several items the needed looking at in more detail to ascertain the issue. Cllr Davey asked for a copy so that he could check them through and advise the Clerk. **It was resolved for Cllr Davey to check and advise the Clerk.**

b) Litter Bin

The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the contractor over removal of the concrete bins and he had advised that he had sent someone down to remove but too heavy for one man so will get removed with more men next week.

579 Skatepark

The Clerk advised that she had email the companies but had not heard back from one, and the other wanted more details. **It was resolved for the Clerk to chase and to plan and**

event on a Thursday evening in the last two weeks of June and the first two weeks of July.

Cllr Davey advised that the grass has not taken well over the old skateboard site and something needed to be achieved. **It was resolved for the Clerk to speak with Heronwood Landscapes who cut the Recreation Ground to get some advice.**

580 a) Recreation Activities.

a) Christmas Lights The Clerk advised that Amey had been paid to put the socket in the lamp column nearest to Bank Road. The Clerk also had spoken with Thaxters regarding the lights. Cllr Davey said that the tender for the job of putting up the Christmas Lights, undertaking all the necessary electrics, the switching on and off and any maintenance whilst being used should be achieved by the end of June and worked completed by the end of September. **It was resolved for the Clerk to undertake this.**

b) Village Party Event 18 September 2016

The Clerk advised that she was having trouble finding a face painter. Cllr Hopkins advised that Mrs English will have the details of a face painter. The Clerk advised that she still had not heard anything from the groups. Cllr Hopkins advised that it is hoped that the sports will be sorted after the Sports Ground AGM on Thursday. **It was resolved for the Clerk to try and find a Face Painter and contact village groups.**

c) The Big Lunch

The Strawberry Tea was discussed for the 12 June. **It was resolved to sell tickets for £3.00 per head, the Clerk to check out cost of supplies and posters/tickets for the event. The tickets to be promoted at Village Voice Live and the next Cinema night.**

d) Children's Activities

The Clerk advised that Jack Southgate had given her a schedule of events and these have been published in the latest Village Voice. The Clerk to meet with Mr Southgate this Wednesday to work out application form etc. **It was also that the Clerk speaks to Mr Southgate regarding his fees.** The Clerk advised that she had emailed Vicky at the Barn and Mr Stockley but had not received a reply yet. **It was also resolved for the Clerk to chase.**

581 Accounts

a) Current Financial Position

The Clerk circulated the Committee's Budget end of year statement. Everything in order. Cllr Payne asked for budget lines 510 and 5035 to be deleted.

582 Correspondence

None received.

583 Items for inclusion at the next meeting

No changes.

584 Date of next meeting

Monday 6 June 2016 at 6.00pm at the Parish Office.

With no further business the meeting closed at 6.50pm