

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **19th August 2013** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors J R Walker (Chair), Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, J D Mountain, Mrs G Sherwood, J England, M Caley & T Foster; and the Clerk.

56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor Poole

57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None Received

58. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL

- a) MUGA – nothing further to report until the results of the questionnaire are known.
- b) HOLME MEADOW TREES – response received from Colin Horton of NLC advising problems with the Cherry, Horse Chestnut, Rowan and Sweet Chestnut trees . After consideration it was agreed that the cherry and sweet chestnuts trees should be removed but to meet on site on 23rd August to discuss the next steps. Mr Horton recommended replacement with Sessile Oak or Birch which would be suited to the site.
- c) DOGS ON LEADS SIGNS – the Clerk reported that she had obtained a price from RJWG Engravers for signs which will be £24.75 each. It was agreed to order four signs and request that the playing field committee and Holy Trinity Church pay for one each.

59. HOLME MEADOW

- a) DRAINAGE RUTS – noted that the ground needs levelling and reseeded when the time is right.
- b) MJFC STORAGE CONTAINER – noted that the area around the container is untidy and needs strimming; plus a skip has recently been removed and left the ground needing re-seeding.

60. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION

Skip still required to remove the debris from the rear of the Play Area. Agreed that Councillor Elsome will liaise with the handyman for a mutually convenient date so that a skip can be ordered and a working party organised.

61. PLAY AREA

Reported that the safety tiles under the climbing frames which were not refurbished are showing signs of deterioration. Agreed to get a quote from Wicksteeds to refurbish them like the others.

62. OTHER BUSINESS

- a) OPEN GARDENS – The clerk reported that Councillor Wright had suggested that Open Gardens be considered to complement the In Bloom campaign. It was agreed that as the Parish Council already runs a Best Kept Garden competition this should be referred to either the Gardening Club or the Hospice Supporters Group for a fund raising idea.
- b) EAST MIDLAND IN BLOOM AWARDS – The clerk reported that the Awards Presentation is to be in Skegness on Wed 11th September at a cost of £16 per person.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING. Meeting closed at 7.35pm