

Minutes of the **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on **Monday 18th January 2010** in the village hall commencing at 7.00pm.

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PRESENT: Councillors N Poole (Chair), J R Walker, Mrs G Sherwood, Mrs B Todd, W Elsome, M Caley, J Mountain, T Foster, and the Clerk

159. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillor J England.

160. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None Received

161. MATTERS REFERRED FROM PARISH COUNCIL

a) Min Ref 151g Dog Fouling – Holme Meadow

The Clerk advised that StreetRight are unable to provide either a poop scoop bag dispenser or bags due to lack of response from other town & parish councils to make it a viable proposition. She also advised that she had obtained a price of £79 for a dispenser + £26 per case of 800 bags from an alternative supplier. It was agreed to purchase the dispenser and one case of bags for a trial. It was also agreed that the handyman should part fill the dispenser on a weekly basis and monitor the usage.

162. HOLME MEADOW

a) Drainage Plan

It was noted that standing water has been minimal compared to last year and that the drains are running satisfactorily.

It was suggested that approximately 350m of new drains be considered across the lowest spots on the field (150m from the north dyke running south; and 200m from the east dyke). It was agreed to monitor the drainage of the field until the next meeting of the Leisure & Recreation Committee in May before making a decision.

b) General

1. Lease Agreements for Storage Containers

The Clerk produced draft lease agreements for both SDPOC and Messingham Junior FC. These were approved with the addition of maintenance of 2 metres of curtilage outside the containers as part of the conditions.

2. Electric/Water Meter Cabinet

Handyman to be reminded that the cabinet needs painting – plus the dedication plaque to be cleaned.

3. Football Pitches

It was noted that the goal mouths on Pitch 1 need additional soil plus re-seeding at the end of the football season.

The Clerk advised that a number of matches had been cancelled due to bad weather and a request had been received from MJFC to continue booking the pitches until the end of April. It was agreed that Pitch 1 can be used until 11th April and the other two until the end of April. It was also agreed to ask MJFC to make Pitch 3 a full size pitch for the 2011 season so that Pitch 1 can be rested.

4. Car Parking

It was noted that tyre skid marks are apparent on the east side of the road. It was agreed to remind the football clubs that parking must be kept to the west side of the road.

163. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION - No issues reported

164. PLAY AREA

a) Dog Bye-Law Signs

It was noted that NLC have erected the signs but that they are badly installed. It was agreed to ask the handyman to reinstall them.

b) Play Area Safety Tiles

It was noted that the cleaning and relaying of the safety tiles around the large swings and the roundabout is progressing very well with excellent results to date. It was agreed that the second phase should go ahead but be limited to the slide and the small swings. Concern was raised regarding the flooding at the end of the slide and after discussion it was agreed to ask the contractor to leave a gap from the concrete edge to allow water to soak away. It was also agreed that the igloo climber and small climber are little used and that it may be more appropriate to replace the equipment in the near future rather than refurbish the tiles at the present time.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING