

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee** held on Monday **21st July 2014** in Messingham Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs G Sherwood, J R Walker, W Elsome, P Wright & J England, the Clerk and one member of the public.

38. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Councillor John Walker was nominated (JE), seconded (BT) and elected to the Chair for this meeting.

39. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Received from Councillors J McKellar Main, N Poole, Mrs B Todd and T Foster.

40. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – None received

41. M.U.G.A. PROJECT

- a) **PLANNING APPLICATION** - The Clerk gave an update of the planning application, advising that the Planning Officer appeared not to have forwarded the Parish Council response to Sport England for their consideration. It was noted that this and the subsequent email from MJFC had now been forwarded and the withdrawal of the objection is awaited to progress the application.
- b) **MAINS ELECTRICITY** – A quote had been received from RM Services, the electrical contractor for the MUGA installation, for the mains electricity connection of £9616. It was agreed that as this committee could not approve the quotation, it should be included on the agenda of the Special Council Meeting to be arranged for 28th July for a planning application. It was agreed that the residents on Temperance Avenue with access from Northfield Road should be notified of the proposed works to be carried out. Councillor Elsome recommended that the deeds for the Playing Field Extension be studied to determine the access arrangements.
- c) **CLOSURE ARRANGEMENTS** – It was suggested that the timer for the floodlights should be set for 8.00pm and the pedestrian access gates be locked accordingly. It was suggested that a security firm be contacted for a quotation for daily locking, with the unlocking carried out by the play area attendant each morning. It was noted that the main gate to the playing field would continue to be locked under the current arrangement with the playing field committee.
- d) **MAIN PEDESTRIAN GATE ALTERATION** – Councillor Wright advised that he would be unable to assist Councillor Elsome with the alterations due to work commitments. Councillor Elsome agreed to contact Simon Engineering for assistance. It was noted that an estimate of expense would be between £500-800.

42. HOLME MEADOW

- a) **PITCH MAINTENANCE** – Barry Ross to be asked to collect approx. 15 tonnes of top soil from Sibelco and liaise with MJFC to spread as required with grass seeding where necessary. It was noted that the low flooded areas will need raking and grass seed applied.
- b) **GRASS CUTTING** – Councillor Elsome reported that the weed spraying had not been done behind the trees on the north side and that the grass is not being cut in the northeast

corner. It was noted that the playing field and the extension is not being fully cut either. Veolia to be advised.

43. PLAYING FIELD EXTENSION/PLAY AREA

Noted that the rear of the play area needs strimming to make tidy.

Play Area attendant on holiday from 29th July to 11th August. Councillors Walker and Proctor agreed to cover.

44. OTHER BUSINESS

Councillor England reported that he had escorted the East Midland In Bloom judges on 19th July who had been very impressed with the playing field, play area and churchyard.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING