

Minutes of **Leisure & Recreation Committee meeting** held on **Monday 30th March 2026** at 7:15pm held in Messingham Community Hub, Wendover Road, Messingham.

Present: Councillors N Poole (Chair), A Clark, W Elsome, J England, T Foster, J McKellarMain, P Skelton, P Wright.

In Attendance: Tracey Black, Parish Clerk

No members of the public were present

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:15pm.

250. Apologies of Absence – no apologies - all members of the committee were present.

251. Declarations of Interest

Cllr P Skelton – declared a personal and prejudicial interest as elected officer of MJFC.

252. Public Forum – no members of the public were present.

253. Proposed new Children’s Play equipment – Northfield Road playing field extension.

To consider the layout of the proposed equipment pending the outcome of the grant application.

Resolved: consideration to be given to moving the ‘multi play with slides’ piece of equipment away from the trees, due to being in the shade of the trees. Clerk to liaise with the play equipment suppliers regarding this.

The Clerk reported the lead time is 6-8 weeks from date of order.

254. Application to hire Holme Meadow Recreation Field

To consider an application to hire Holme Meadow Recreation field on Saturday 18th July 2026 by a local charity for a family fun day.

The Clerk reported the applicant had been informed the field was available for hire on the date requested, but would not have exclusive use of the field as it would remain open to the public.

Resolved: The committee had no objection to the hire, pending receipt of a completed booking form and all applicable documents.

The charge to be confirmed following the review of hire charges (*see minute 255*).

Cllr P Skelton left the meeting prior to discussion of the following item

255. Matter referred from the Parish Council

a) Scale of Charges - Holme Meadow Recreation field

To review the current Scale of Charges and agree a proposal to submit to Full Council.

The charging structure was reviewed taking into account the new changing/toilet building and the manpower time involved in opening and closing the facilities/field to non-regular hirers.

Resolved: to recommend to Full Council, the charges agreed by this committee to increase the hire charges to include the changing/toilet building and an additional supplement of £25 to be incurred, when the hire involves manpower time to open and close the facilities/field gate entrances.

Football pitch charges – it was agreed that clarification was required to ascertain the affiliation and accountability of the village senior football teams and village junior (u17) teams, with Messingham Junior Football Club, prior to determining the hire charge applied to the village senior teams.

All recommended charges to take effect from 1st May 2026.

This concluded the business of the meeting. Meeting closed at 20:00.

Signature

Date