



Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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Minutes from Committee Meeting

5th April 2007

Those present: Gina Gaskin Rob Jones Dave Walpole Shirley Curtis Paul
Milner Ian Curtis Derek Ellis Mel Chapman
Apologies: Caroline Thompson Richard Roe
Cc: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham
Stephen Brown

ACTION

1 Minutes of previous meeting

1.1 Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed DE; seconded RJ

2 Matters arising

- 2.1 Meeting for residents of Dryden's Close. GG has spoken to the residents. Their single concern related to the provision for parking. GG able to allay anxieties. The new lease has a section on parking.
- 2.2 GG has sent a card on the behalf of the Committee to John Pridmore's widow.

3 Finances

- 3.1 Because of work commitments RR has been unable to attend some meetings. He is to be asked if he can submit a report by email if unable to attend. RR
- 3.2 The Fox Football Club was still owing £100 hire charge at the end of the season. Issue being pursued by DE. Thrapston under 8 team is fully paid up. DE
- 3.3 RJ offered to print copies of the architect's plans at no cost, if they can be sent to him electronically. RJ
- 3.4 Hire charges need to be reviewed at the AGM. SC agenda

4 Correspondence

None

5 Health & Safety

- 5.1 John Gaskin has been unable to make a permanent repair to the fence because of the nature of the ground. He has made a temporary repair.
- 5.2 The March check revealed damage to the gate and stile to the play area. JG to be asked to repair them. GG
- 5.3 Mark Noakes has kindly agreed to become H+S officer.

6 Fundraising

Road Race: 6 May

- 6.1
- Entries only marginally down on previous years. GG
 - Meeting to be called for week commencing 16 April regarding final organisational details. GG
 - Links with Stanwick and Sawston websites being explored. PM
- 6.2 **Midsummer Music: 23 June.**
- Three groups confirmed. Paul Cooper's fee to be finalised; others agreed.
 - Insurance has been negotiated for period Friday 22nd to Sunday 24 June.
 - SC to write to Titchmarsh Primary School thanking them for their help and co-operation in putting on this event SC
 - A licence for a bar to be requested. Flooring also to be hired. GG
 - Prices agreed as £7.50 per person irrespective of age. £5 to be charged for pitching a gazebo. GG
- 6.3
- MC has designed a ticket; to be revised to include new prices. The tickets to be made available at the Road Race. MC

Festival of Football

- DE reported on progress with summer coaching sessions.

7 Developments

At this stage the Chairman welcomed the secretary and treasurer of Titchmarsh FC to discuss the plans.

- 7.1 The visitors expressed their pleasure at what was being proposed and endorsed the Club's support for the plans.
- 7.2 The bid to the FSA was unsuccessful. The bid to the Football Foundation has now been submitted.
- 7.3 Planning permission was not submitted in January as was previously indicated but was delayed until 27 March. The plans have since returned to the architect by ENC for further revision and information. Concern expressed that this could jeopardise the Big Lottery bid that has to be submitted by 7 June.
- 7.4 Merchant Venturers have agreed to drop the Break Clause in the lease.

8 AOB

- 8.1 Drainage of lower pitch to be commenced as soon after 6 May as possible DE/MC
- 8.2 A teenager has been observed riding a pony on the Playing Field. Considerable disquiet about the damage this might cause. PM agreed to talk to the girl's parents. PM
- 8.3 The manager of Titchmarsh Football Club has notified his intention to relinquish the role at the end of the season. DE reported that a possible successor has been identified.
- 8.4 DE indicated that there is a possibility of a Saturday team being started. The potential impact on the pitch was discussed, after which DE proposed that the Saturday team should be able to use the field. GG seconded. All agreed.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 3rd May2007 in the Wheatsheaf?