



# Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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## Minutes from Committee Meeting 6<sup>th</sup> July 2006

Those present: Gina Gaskin Rob Jones Ian Curtis  
Derek Ellis Mel Chapman Dave Walpole  
Shirley Curtis Caroline Thompson  
Apologies: Kevin Shapland Paul Milner Richard Rowe  
Cc: Jane Teague Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham  
Stephen Brown

### ACTION

1. **Previous minutes**  
Minutes read and agreed for accuracy.
2. **Matters arising**
  - 2.1. **Affordable housing** - An issue has arisen re. the interpretation of 'affordable housing'. Correspondence includes some unusual criteria, eg. 'downsizing'. This needs to be clarified with the PC. GG
  - 2.2. **Health and Safety** - Caroline Thompson is pursuing her search for bark chippings. CT
3. **Financial Update**
  - 3.1. £432.84 VAT. Can now be claimed back from the Parish Council. A letter is required. SC
  - 3.2. The fête profits were substantially down this year. £1200 has been donated to the church and £300 to each of the other village organisations inc. the playing field. Thank you to Caroline Thompson for accepting the cheque on the committee's behalf.  
Next year the BBQ needs to be lit at 11.0am.  
300 burgers and 200 sausages were too many. Numbers to be reduced next year.
4. **Health and Safety**
  - 4.1. Play equipment check - some attention needed at base of animal springer. RJ
  - 4.2. Concerns have been expressed over security of hazardous materials kept in the pavilion. A COSH assessment and statement are required. Could a temporary solution be a padlock on existing fitted seats? A formal list of pavilion key-holders needs to be drawn up. DW
  - 4.3. The dry weather has created cracking exacerbated by rabbits and moles! Problem to be solved by filling with sharp sand. MC
5. **Developments**
  - 5.1. **Drainage** - A copy of the original drainage plans were available.

A quote for £6,500 has been received for the field drainage. Discussion followed concerning the complexity of the project and the possibility of it being done in two stages.

Lack of field maintenance was discussed. The goal mouth area could be re-seeded and fenced off at the end of the season and a summer goal put up for casual play.

- 5.2 Changing rooms – Ian Curtis sent off the application to the SITA Trust and a meeting has been arranged for Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006 at the playing field. I C & DE or MC

SC contacted Graham Candy from Merchant Venturers. In theory he can see no problems with new pavilion but suggested re-negotiating 25 year lease. SC to write for written confirmation of conversation to be forwarded to Football Foundation. SC

IC has contacted eight more funding agencies, and obtained samples of business and development plans from the Foundation.

DW has received a supporting letter from the coach at Oundle Youth Football. Requests received from Thrapston for U8 team training sessions Fridays 6.30 – 7.30pm while the evenings are light, and the Fox Inn team who want to do pre-season training on the field. DE

GG suggested a fixture calendar should be placed in the changing rooms.

The new revised plans have been completed. The back door remains for a fire escape.

Two bills to be paid to Hunter Developments for repairs to the changing rooms - £998.75 – stabilising external walls and a new wall to changing room.

Proposer GG seconded IC. Passed.

£881.25 – repairs to ladies' toilet. Proposer MC seconded DE. Passed.

DE – Applied for 2 grants for replacing goal posts. £450 from East Northants, £725 from Football Assn. The balance to come from funds.

## 6 Damage by golfers.

There was general discussion about erecting a professionally produced sign, but it was agreed to begin with a notice in the Titchmarsh Times and some laminated notices on the gates. Issues to be included – golfers, dog fouling and motorbikes. CT

The field gates and fencing are in a poor state. All those available to meet at the field, Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> July.

## 7 **Status of Committee – feedback from Parish Council**

Conflict of opinion from Council auditors has perplexed and surprised the Parish Council as the present arrangement was set up after careful advice.

## 8 **Future programme**

Quiz evening – Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. 2006. DE to arrange a bar licence. DE

A change of format needed. An informal evening has been arranged for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 8.00pm at Newton Cottage, High Street Titchmarsh, to arrange the quiz. All

## 9 **AOB** None

**Next meeting: not arranged.**