



Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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Minutes from Committee Meeting

1st June 2006

Those present: Gina Gaskin Rob Jones Ian Curtis
Derek Ellis Mel Chapman Paul Milner
Shirley Curtis Caroline Thompson Dave Walpole
Kevin Shapland

Apologies: None

Cc: Jane Teague Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham
Stephen Brown

Visitor: Geoff Hunter

ACTION

1 Previous minutes - actions arising

1.1 Minutes read. Point 5.1, substitute Richard Roe for Derek Ellis.

Pavilion Update -

1.2 Geoff Hunter joined the meeting. Three new sets of plans distributed. General discussion followed and suggested modifications to plans. Security paramount.

Decision - to keep all windows as planned for time being.

- change the word 'pavilion' to 'changing rooms'.
- one external door to be removed
- an internal wall and door to be inserted in storage area.

1.3 SC has written letter to Merchant Venturers - 14th May 2006 - informing them of more expensive and elaborate scheme. Still awaiting response. SC to phone.

SC

1.4 Two more quotes to be sought for pavilion construction. Two builders to be contacted.

Affordable Housing - for information only

GH&DW

1.5 GG - 4 possible village sites, one of which is located adjacent to the playing field in Park Road, using a small part of the field. Survey needed but if this site is developed there could be assistance with the pavilion/playground.

2 Health & Safety

2.1 **May issues**

More bark chippings needed. CT to organise. June check by PM..

CT & PM

3 Finances

£10 pitch fee from Oundle Youth Football

4 **Funding**

- 4.1 An encouraging meeting was held between Matt Greenwood from the Football Foundation, I C, GG, and DE at the playing field. The changing room scheme can be supported, but will require copious paperwork. Likely to be 12-15 months before work can start, but contribution could be 60-70%. Needs to be seen that effort being made to raise further funds.
- 4.2 Two building quotes to go forward to SI TA by June 13th 2006. MC

5 **Drainage**

- 5.1 MC – should the committee be looking at a longer term strategy? Should the ground be levelled, then the pitch drainage can be planned accordingly. Youth teams need smaller pitches and maybe re-aligned.
DW – Emphasis should be on youth football – the key to funding.
Applications to be dealt with by I C. I C
- 5.2 Agreed to elicit support from Oundle Youth Football where they have qualified youth coaches. DW
- 5.3 Grass maintenance. Better ground care is required, cutting, fertilising, rolling etc. Howard Bosworth to be contacted. GG
- 5.4 Problems with goal and posts. Maybe install removable posts to deter excessive use of area. Re-seeding needed. Possible grant from 'Sports for All'. DE

6 **BBQ** Village fete 10th June 2006

- 6.1 TV screen to be installed for world cup match.
- 6.2 GG suggested increase in price of burgers. Discussion followed, but prices to remain the same.
- 6.3 This year, expenses to be taken from profits.
- 6.4 General help required 5.30pm 9th June ALL

7 **AOB**

- 7.1 Golfers playing on bottom pitch are creating divots. To be mentioned in Titchmarsh Times. Signs on playing field? Put on July agenda. GG
- 7.2 Spring re-paint needed for play area, grass cutting and removal of rubble behind pavilion. A day of 'activity' to be arranged to co-incide with bark chippings.
- 7.3 Request from Anita Dunn to use the field for car parking on the night of June 17th 2006. Agreed, but avoid pitches and erect signs. ALL
- 7.4 I C. Conflict of advice from Council auditors. Newly appointed auditor advises the Playing Field Committee revert back from sub-committee of Parish Council to Playing Field Assn. To be discussed at next Parish Council meeting.
- 7.5 Conflict of interests discussed. The rules need to be studied.

Next meeting: 8pm Thursday 6th July 2006, in the Clubroom