



Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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Minutes from Committee Meeting

7th June 2007

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

Apologies: None

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 GG; seconded MC

2 Matters arising

2.1 **Drainage.** The work has now been completed but has not entirely solved the problem. There remains a small area which is not draining adequately. Land Tech is aware of the problem and will return to address it. Because there was no need to carry out all the work in the centre of the field, Land Tech has sent a credit note for £832. This can be used to pay for the extra work required. Land Tech also suggests that two trees on the bank between the pitches are likely to interfere with the drainage pipes.

Resolution:

- The trees be removed, but these be replaced by two others elsewhere on the site [proposed GG; seconded DW]: MC
- MC to inform the village via the Titchmarsh Times of the reasons for the decision. MC

2.2 **Pitches**

The goalmouth has been successfully turfbed [MC];

The area designated for a junior pitch will need to be levelled before an area safe to play on can be marked out [DW]

Resolution:

- The condition of, and proposals for, the playing surfaces be the subject of a full item on the next agenda. Agenda

3 Finances

RR reported

- 3.1
- The 2007 Road Race raised £1836.32, an excellent result given the reduction in sponsorship.
- 3.2
- He has made an offer of £60 for the timing device used in the race - usual

cost £300+.

- 3.3 • Match fees of £100 have been received from The Fox Inn.
- 3.4 • Cheque received from SI TA Trust for £6490 for the drainage work.
- 3.5 Authorisation of the following payments was proposed by GG and seconded by RJ and endorsed by the full committee:
- £660 planning fees for new pavilion
 - Interim solicitor's fees of £734.38 for renegotiation of lease. IC to inform Parish Council clerk. IC

4 Correspondence

- 4.1 The publication 'The Playing Field' has been received and will be passed round to individual members to read. IC

5 Health & Safety

- 5.1 MC has carried out this month's review and reported that:
- The hole by the gateway has been filled;
 - A close watch needs to be kept on the 'stepping logs' which could constitute a hazard if they become too overgrown by the grass;
 - With the rapid growth of grass at this time of year we need to consider more frequent cuts of the grass in the play area;
 - Damage by rabbits and moles need to be repaired. MC to organise a working party. MC
- 5.2 DW suggested that the committee invites the new H&S officer, Mark Noakes, to the next meeting. Agreed. DW
Agenda

6 Fundraising

- 6.1 **Village Fete**
The committee will again be running the barbecue. The various roles were allocated and it was agreed to keep the prices the same for the third year running but to consider raising them in 2008. Agenda
- 6.2 **Midsummer Music: 23 June.**
- About 60 tickets have been sold and spaces booked for 11 gazebos;
 - Members agreed to take on the various responsibilities: raffle - RJ; barbecue - MC/DE; candles, nightlights - SC; strawberries - SC; Pimms - CT; banner - SC; balloons, bunting - IC; car parking notices - RJ.
 - Dance-floor: DW has had the materials delivered to Michael Alderman's store. He will arrange for the floor to be set up on the morning of the event but will need assistance. All
 - GG has arranged the insurance and events licence.
 - Parking: GG to contact John Walker regarding use of field. GG
 - Toilets - a contentious issue! We cannot have access to the toilets in the main part of the school so there are just two toilets available. A range of options was discussed and members encouraged to explore alternatives. All
- A further meeting is to be held at 6.30 on Wednesday 20 June on the school field to discuss final arrangements. All

7 Developments

7.1 IC reported that:

- A two week extension to the 11 June deadline has been secured in order to submit planning permission;
- A successful meeting held with Chris Barry of The Football Foundation and DE and IC, a result of which has been the bid being increased to £115K.
- We are still awaiting the resolution of the planning permission, building regulations and the lease.

8 AOB

8.1 DW reported that a Race Night had been held to raise funds in memory of John Pridmore. From the proceeds, a cup to be awarded to the highest scorer in the Fete skittles competition has been purchased. John's wife has suggested that part of the £813 in balance be spent on replacing the lights on the Christmas Tree that the Playing Field Committee normally organises. The offer was warmly accepted.

DW

8.2 DE indicated that it is time to review the pitch charges and suggested the following: Titchmarsh FC - £15; all other teams - £22. Charges for juniors to remain as they are. For discussion at next meeting.

Agenda

Next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 5th July 2007 at the Clubroom