



Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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Minutes from Committee Meeting

4th May 2007

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

2 Matters arising

- 2.1 • John Gaskin has now repaired the stile.
- 2.2 • PM has spoken to parents of girl who rode her horse on the playing field.

3 Finances

- 3.1 • Payment received from Fox Inn
- 3.2 • Payment of £20 to John Gaskin for repairs authorised. Proposed PM; seconded IC
- 3.3 • The accounts have now been passed to the Parish Council for auditing purposes.
- 3.4 • Under pressure from RR, Powergen has agreed to put Committee on lower business rate, 20.69p per day as opposed to 40.11p. The monthly rate is now likely to approximate £12.

4 Correspondence

- 4.1 MC reported that he had received a letter from the land agent of D Linnell requesting a meeting with the drainage contractors to discuss the link-up with the neighbouring land drains. MC to arrange. MC
- 4.2 DW suggested that the opportunity be taken to turf the goalmouth area. In the following discussion it was agreed that:
 - June Bibby be contacted to turf goalmouth area and the area near the playground gate when drainage work completed; GG
 - Area around goalmouth be cordoned off during summer;
 - Goalposts to be removed; MC/DW/
 - Junior pitch to be marked out DE
 - Contractors be informed of presence of sprinkler pipes under pitch. MC

5 Health & Safety

5.1 PM reported that:

- someone had started a grass fire beneath a swing;
- the climbing frame needs repainting [GG/CT agreed to carry out task]; GG
- proliferation of weeds in some areas [MC/DW/DE agreed to strim and spray]; MC/DW/
DE
- bolts on walking beam have worked loose [JG to check]; GG
- gate spring needs attention [GG to contact Howard]. GG

6 Fundraising

6.1 **Road Race: 6 May**

- Entries have picked up and now compare favourably with previous years. Increased entry price likely to mean extra profit estimated at £250.
- RR checked that all tasks now covered.
- W heatsheaf and D&P have agreed to use of toilets. PM/JG to rod Clubroom toilets before race.
- Kevin Shapland to photograph each finisher and make photos available.
- Marquee to be erected at 5pm on the evening before the race.
- CT agreed to arrange a £250 float for the event.
- Meeting to be called for 7.30pm on 24 May at The Clubroom for all officials and helpers to discuss possible improvements for future years. GG

RR was thanked for all his hard work in organising the race.

6.3 **Midsummer Music: 23 June.**

- MC has produced the tickets and will design leaflets for delivery to all households. All
- Check to be made to see how many gazebos can be accommodated on field. All
- DW agreed to arrange purchase of plywood for a dance floor and to build it. Michael Alderman to be asked if he can house it afterwards. Decision regarding the future of the dance-floor – hired out or purchased from village funds – deferred to a later meeting. DW
GG
- GG is completing licence application. Details agreed by the Committee.
- Programme order agreed as: jazz – disco – group – break – jazz – disco - group.
- DW offered to organise the bar; Pimms and draught beer to be provided. DW
- Issue of lighting to be considered at a meeting on site on 5 May
- Meeting to discuss final arrangements be held at The Clubroom prior to post-race meeting on 24 May.

7 Developments

7.1 IC reported that:

- NCC have agreed to contribute £25000 towards the Changing Rooms project;
- Planning application now lodged but consent unlikely before 11 June ie too late for Stage 2 of Big Lottery bid.
- A further bid under the Big Lottery Community Buildings Fund for £54500 has been submitted in case the Reaching Communities bid fails.

8 **AOB**

- 8.1 DW pointed out that as he is no longer a parish councillor he has to relinquish his role on the Playing Field Committee. He was urged to stay in a non-councillor role as there remains a vacancy on the Committee. DW was pleased to do so.

Next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 7th June 2007 at the Clubroom