

# Titchmarsh Playing Field Association

## Minutes of the meeting 1 May 2008

Those present: Gina Gaskin [Chair] Natalie Beer Mel Chapman Ian Curtis Shirley Curtis  
Derek Ellis Hannah Garnham Rob Jones Mark Noakes Paul Milner  
Richard Roe Dave Walpole  
Apologies: None  
cc: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham

### Action

#### 1 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed. Proposed RJ: seconded PM.

#### 2 Matters arising

- 2.1 The removal of the poplar trees alongside the play area was discussed. It was decided that a letter should be written to Spire Homes on whose land the trees stand indicating that, because of their age, they may now constitute a hazard.

IC

#### 3 Financial update

##### 3.1 Payments authorised:

- £100 to GG as float for 10K race;
- £82 to RR for purchase of a stopwatch;
- £1000 [from the Maud Elkington Trust] to be transferred to No.2 account for payment of invoices.

RR

Proposed DE: Seconded NB. All agreed.

- 3.2 Accounts tabled and accepted. Proposed DE: Seconded NB. All agreed.

- 3.3 Letter from auditor re accounts received too late for discussion at this meeting. Agreed that it should be copied to all members for a full discussion at the next meeting.

Next  
agenda

- 3.4 Expenses: It was decided that the current policy regarding expenses be maintained ie that individual members submit requests for the reimbursement of agreed costs as and when they feel it is appropriate.

#### 4 Correspondence

None.

#### 5 Health and Safety

- 5.1 MN has carried out the inspection and had no new issues to report.  
5.2 RJ has booked an RoSPA inspection.

#### 6 Fund raising

##### 6.1 10K race: 4 May 08

- To date, 154 entries received – a promising level of interest.
- Insurance for spectators and event organisers. GG authorised to take out liability insurance to cover the event.
- All tasks allocated, but there remains a need for additional marshals.
- The chairman asked for the Committee's gratitude to Sylvia Prestwich for all her help in organising the event be minuted. All agreed enthusiastically.

GG  
All

##### 6.2 Village fete: 14 June 08.

The Association will supply the burger bar as previously. GG to purchase rolls; MC, the burgers etc.

GG/MC

##### 6.3 Midsummer Music: 21 June 08

- Tickets selling reasonably well.
- It was agreed to set the event out as last year.

- MN reported that a security guard has been appointed for the evening. MN
  - A coffee cart is to be provided. RJ
  - DW asked that it be made clear that draught beer only will be available on the night.
  - GG has investigated the position re insurance for this event. We are covered by the hirer's insurance.
- 6.4 September Quiz  
No further arrangements required at this stage.
- 7 **Developments**
- 7.1 Pavilion
- Work is progressing well and is ahead of schedule. The walls are now almost at ceiling level.
  - It was agreed in principle that the roof trusses in the recreation area could be of a type to allow greater headroom.
  - The tenders for plumbing and electrics have still to be finalised.
  - NB agreed to co-ordinate the collection of information for the time capsule. NB
- 7.2 Development Plan
- HG reported that the women's football event is now not likely to take place before the end of June because of the unavailability of the Rushden and Diamonds team.
  - DE indicated that Titchmarsh FC's application for FA Charter status is progressing satisfactorily.
  - Decisions now need to be made regarding the management of the new pavilion. Next agenda
- 8 **Pitches**
- No response as yet from the Football Foundation for funding to level the second pitch.
  - The drainage lines still causing some problems and will need reseeding. MC
  - The goals are to be removed after the final match of the season on 4 May.
  - It was agreed in principle that the top pitch should be marked out for dual use ie full size and colts. The post holes for colts' matches are to be covered by metal plates during senior games. A final decision is to be made when a survey completed of demand for colts' matches and the outcome of the Football Foundation application is known
- 9 **Titchmarsh Times**  
Copy for the June/July edition to include details of the Midsummer Music. MC
- 10 **Annual General Meeting**  
Because of the non-availability of key members of the Committee it was decided to postpone the AGM until July and to bring the next ordinary meeting forward to 29 May. IC
- 11 **AOB**  
Concern raised about horse manure being deposited on the side of the field. GG agreed to talk to the horse's owner. GG

**Next meeting: 8.00pm Thursday 29 May at The Wheatsheaf.**