



# Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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## Minutes from Committee Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> October 2005

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

Apologies: Kevin Shapland

Cc: Jane Teague Sylvia Prestwich (web-site)

### ACTION

#### 1 Low-cost Housing

Playing Field lease terms would mean a village vote is required if the Committee proposed to give up some/all of the field.

Current Housing Association stock can't be redesignated purely for local community use/needs.

The Parish Council would need to re-assess the current demand for affordable housing before any further action as the last survey was 5 years ago.

A vote was taken on the following proposal (proposed Ian, seconded Gina):  
'It is proposed that a portion of the playing field is considered for redesignation for affordable housing.'

For 4, Against 6; the proposal was therefore rejected by the Committee.

The vote represents the Committee's remit and desire to protect the recreational sporting facilities of the village for current and future generations of the community.

#### 2 Health & Safety

Operation of gate mechanism to be assessed in more detail  
 Cracks and holes - bags of sharp sand to be bought for pre-match pitch repairs;  
 'Turfing party' to attempt to patch one of pitches 2pm Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Oct  
 Broken rail - check if Kevin still has available timber to make repair.  
 RoSPA report - further copy to be issued to PC secretary.

SB  
DW  
ALL  
RR  
PM

#### 3 Finances

No major movements to be noted

#### 4 Road Race

Clubroom to be booked and notifications starting to be sent out.

RR

- 5 Trafalgar Day Disco - Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
 Ticket sales slow - c 35 sold to date.  
 All to have concerted sales drive this week and review level of interest Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct (Caroline to 'chase' by e-mail). **ALL**  
 Publicity posters for village noticeboards and pubs to be printed. **MC**  
 Raffle to be limited to 6 good prizes.
- 6 Pavilion Update**
- 6.1 Existing Facility**  
 Options explored since last meeting:  
**1. 'Make do' repairs.** Likely cost £3 -4k, could be completed early Nov.  
 Explore work scope and costs further and advise committee in time to make decision to hit November slot if we decide to progress. Would the work allow the facility to be converted to storage space in wider project or would eventual demolition still be needed? **MC**  
**2. Portacabin temporary option.** Initial cost likely to be c£5k but expected to be able to recover £1.5 -2k in resale value. Would also need demolition of current facility rather than making it safe - demolition is part of current proposed plans so wouldn't be a lost cost in overall project.  
 Explore cost of survey to determine whether asbestos would be a demolition issue or not. **RR**
- 6.2 New Facility** **MC**  
 Site meeting with Jeff and his architect planned for 3 weeks to allow plans to progress to planning stage (likely submission to allow permission by end of year). Rest of time-line could be: planning regs - March '06; build - summer/autumn '06. This would all be subject to funding being in place and lease renegotiated.  
 Committee members are struggling to free up sufficient individual time to take on the Project Leader role critical to moving the project forwards; thoughts on individuals in the wider community who may help in this task to be considered and discussed at next meeting. **ALL**  
 A funding advice session is to be held in Thrapston on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct, Dick to attend on our behalf. **RR**
- 6 Village Calendar**  
 Photos progressing well. Orders of c150 calendars received so far with 3-4 more shots yet to be taken.
- 7 AOB**
- 7.1 Pitch/Line Marker** - details of specs/costs passed to Derek for consideration and recommendation at next meeting. **DE**
- 7.2 Christmas Quizsheet** - Mel kindly agreed to produce another Christmas Quiz. **MC**
- 7.3 T-Factor** - idea of X-Factor style talent competition proposed by Kevin. Principal liked, Kevin to work up proposal. **KS**

**Next meeting: 8pm Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2005 in Clubroom**