



Titchmarsh Parish Council Playing Field Committee

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Minutes from the General Meeting

6th September 2007

Those present: Gina Gaskin Dave Walpole Paul Milner Derek Ellis Mel Chapman
Caroline Thompson. Richard Roe Rob Jones, Mark Noakes
Apologies: Shirley Curtis Ian Curtis
Cc: Emma Meen Sylvia Prestwich Phil Garnham
Stephen Brown

2 Minutes of previous meeting

Introduction of Mark Noakes to the Playing Filed Committee to take the role of Health and Safety Officer , the Minutes of the previous meeting were then discussed and the following changes were agreed,

- Midsummer music to be held at the playing field provided that we have the new pavilion
- Contact Clopton re date of Pig Roast so we do not clash for next years event. **Action MC**
- Minutes were then agreed. Proposed GG; seconded RJ

3 Matters arising

No Matters arising out of the last minutes

4 Financial update.

- Further payment from bar takings at the Midsummer event added plus additional ticket sales total added a further £230 for monies raised
- Payments to John Gaskin for repair of vandalised playground equipment £105, A further £30 to be authorised for the additional repair on completion of work proposed DW second PM – payment made
- Payment to MC re Spray equipment purchased for PField £103.52 proposed RR, second RJ payment made
- Rent arrears to be paid, RR getting break down as committee felt there was a discrepancy of £40 on the £3638 Action RR to investigate
- Payment to Vincent Sykes for the negotiation of the lease £910.63 proposed RJ seconded DE Payment made
- Payment to Titchmarsh Primary School £60 for Music evening proposed GG second RR – payment made

5 Correspondence

- Race renewal notice for measurement passed to **RR**
- Invite from Northamptonshire Acre to an evening discussing Playing Fields and the impact of the proposed Housing expansion over the next few years. Wed 10/10 **DE to attend**.

6 Health and Safety

- Intro of Mark Noakes email; mark.n@tilleyssweets.com
- **IC and GG** to add to mailing list and all email correspondence
- Existing Play Area new rota
MN September, CT October, RJ November, DW December
- Current H&S report sheets contact Steve Brown for soft copy.
Action RJ/ SB
- Chippings under swing were felt to be ok no action at present
- Work party date:- no action at this meeting

Vandalism in Childs Play Area

- Discussed at length and brought in point 11. A strong debate was held between the members and additional act of vandalism occurring on Sat 1st was also duly noted with a wall being kicked down between toilet block and pavilion. (1 local and 2 outside of Titchmarsh youths)
- Discussions were held over reporting all crimes to the police and where a suspected culprit is known passing there name for further action.
- Prosecution of vandalism where the culprit is caught in the act.
- Youth Committee involvement though important it was felt at a general meeting there would be no interest for them to want to attend, the big concern is whether the youth committee would want to be involved and if they felt strongly enough to go against a potential bad element?
- MC to write article for the Titchmarsh Times. GG to discuss with JG not to alter or change as this is a serious issue. **Action MC/ GG**

Water in Meter Pit

- GG spoken to AW, they have agreed to the repair and replace of manhole cover

7 Fundraising Activities

- Street Challenge, currently 7 teams involved looking for further 3
- Lasagne to be made by committee members, DW running bar
- Flowers to be brought for EC as given up 40th Bday to be with us
Action GG
- Cake to be made **Action RJ**
- Christmas Lights Switch on with Trees and Trimmings 16/12 with Lucy Milner **Action GG to discuss**

- Lights to be brought debate between Coloured and White Lights
Action DW to discuss with wholesalers and availability (pref
coloured and big)
- Ask Pauline to switch on **Action DW**

Future Events

- It was felt that currently no new events should be instigated this
year- all

Developments

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- Documentation from IC very clear and outlined responsibilities of
each organisation
 - New lease copies given to everyone to view
 - New changes noticed, rent is now in advance
 - TPC now the tenant
 - Update on award situation document from IC very clear, now
standing at £71,000 with a further £115k and £40 k pending FA and
Big Lottery. FA decision date end of Sept, Big Lottery October.
There is £21000 available now or footings to be used and invoiced
by March 08
 - Jeff Hunter to be contacted over the building regulation fees so
payment can be authorised **Action DE**

9 Change of Status

- Committee to become a Association again through changes in audit
rules 1/10/07
- Association to act in the development of the Playing Field ion behalf
of PC
- Sylvia Prestwyth to be invited to next meeting to discuss
implications **Action GG**

10 Youth Committee

Please see issues covered in H&S report

11 Pitches

- Rabbits still major problem
- Drainage lines grass is not growing over and ruts are causing
potential issues and accidents. Discuss with Scott Head Green
Keeper at Oundle GC **Action DW**
- Additional Key to main gate to be cut **action MC**
- Playing Field use as informal path, issue to be passed to footpath
warden. **Action GG**

- Junior Goals to be costed **Action DE**
- New3 Toilet door padlock needed **Action DE**

12 Titchmarsh Times

- Article to be written for placement end of next week **Action MC**

13 AOB

Caravan Club Singers have approached Club room for a venue and would also like a field to put up to 30 Caravans on for max 2 nights. Potential revenue of £600 for Playing Fields. To be investigated further and report back next meeting **Action PM**

The meeting was formally closed at 9.55pm

Next meeting October 4th 2007 Titchmarsh Clubroom 7:30pm