**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council**

**at the Village Hall**

**Monday, 25th January 2016 at 7.30 pm**

**Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 28th January 2016**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Mr John Adams, Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish Clerk), Mr Roger Gilkes, Mr James Mansfield, Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Sara Withers, Mr Neil Woodley

**Also present:** Mr Tony Sibthorp

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs Mary Carey
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Public questions and statements:** Mr Sibthorp has had a look around the sportsfield pavilion. He mentioned that the Low bearing walls and layout of the pavilion will present issues in the building process. He recommended that the pavilion needed a modest refurbishment rather than spending a large amount of money.

1. **Signing of minutes**: The minutes of the 16th November 2015 meeting were signed as a true record.
2. **Safety Inspection reports of Sportsfield and Playground:** No action needed
3. **Maintenance of Appleton landing:** The clerk has not received any replies from contractors regarding tenders sent out and will pursue this. The clerk was asked to send a tender to another contractor.
4. **Tennis club trees:** The clerk was asked to check the sublease of the tennis club to ascertain who is responsible for the trees as they are growing close to the BT lines.

**Appleton Sportsfield:**

1. **Update on goalpost purchase and installation:** The goalposts have been ordered and will be delivered in March/April 2016. Mr Gilkes will liaise with the Westminster Football team in order to arrange a date to install the goalpost foundations.
2. **Condition of sportsfield:** The sportsfield is in a very muddy condition at present and teams haven’t played on it for three/four weeks. Mr Gilkes suggested getting a contractor in to drag the sportsfield to remove ruts and dents. The grass needs another cut as a result of the mild weather we have been having. Mr Gilkes has noticed that the mole plough drain is clogging up and may need doing again. The committee agreed that Mr Gilkes can organise any work that needs doing to improve the field.
3. **Access road and car park potholes:** The clerk will obtain quotes for tarring the access road and then write to the access users. Included separately in the quote will be repairs to car park potholes.
4. **Progress on grant application for Sportsfield Pavilion:** Mr Tony Sibthorp will meet with Mr Leon Willis to discuss plans for the sportsfield pavilion.
5. **Sportsfield bookings:** Booking fees were discussed. The hiring fees for the sportsfield and pavilion will be posted to the village website.

**Jubilee Playground:**

1. **Update on maintenance of playground:** Soggy and horrible conditions of the ground have prevented the contractor to top up the bark and sand at the playground and work will be carried out when the ground condition improves. Mrs Rosie Page has bought the trees but they still need planting.
2. **Condition of trees opposite the playground:** The trees are not the responsibility of the playground committee but will be monitored.
3. **Possibility of Jubilee Park having charitable status:** Withdrawn
4. **Dates of Future meetings:** The date of the next L&R Meeting will take place on the 21stMarch 2016.
5. **Miscellaneous:**

* Quote received for hardstanding for the table tennis table is £1500 which is out of the budget. It was suggested to only use concrete for the table tennis table legs and use type 2 granular sub base for the remaining area. Mr Mansfield is happy to meet with contractors.
* Mrs Withers gave her apologies for the next L&R Meeting

Meeting closed at 9:04pm