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

**at Appleton Village Hall**

**Monday, 21st March 2016 at 7.30 pm**

**Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 21st March 2016**

**MINUTES**

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

1. **Apologies for absence:** Mrs Sara Withers
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
3. **Public questions and statements:** none
4. **Signing of minutes**: the minutes of the 25th January 2016 meeting were signed as a true record.
5. **Tennis Club trees**: The clerk was asked to write a letter to the tennis club informing them that the parish council has had a complaint regarding the trees.

**Appleton Sportsfield:**

1. **Approval of quote for grass cutting for 2016:** Thecommittee approved the quote. The clerk was asked to inform Mr Podbery that the quote was successful.
2. **Goalpost installation update:** The goalpost foundation will be organised by the football club and the committee will need to pay for the concrete. Mr. Gilkes will continue to liaise with Westminster FC in regard to the goalposts.
3. **Sportsfield:** The committee discussed the invoicing and contracts for the sports teams and hire of the sportsfield by other parties.
4. **Pavilion revamping update:** No update. Mr Gilkes will arrange a meeting with Mr Sibthorp, Mr Blomerus and Mr Willis to discuss a plan for the pavilion.
5. **Sportsfield road & car park potholes:** Quote has not been received yet.

**Jubilee Playground:**

1. **Maintenance and improvements:**
2. Quote for cutting playground: The committee agreed to accept the quote from Yew Tree Contractors. The clerk will inform Yew Tree Contractors that the quote was successful.
3. Filling in bark and sand: Inclement weather has delayed the maintenance work to date. Mr Gilkes to ring Mr Podbery to enquire when this work will be carried out.
4. Sun Shade for the playground: Mr Woodley suggested having a source of shade in the playground. Mr Woodley was informed that he can investigate the practicalities and look into potential shade options for the playground as well as suitable funding options.
5. Green Lane: The committee agreed that Mr Mansfield can obtain a quote from a contractor to ditch Green Lane. The clerk was asked to add photos and a written piece to the village website to encourage parishioners to use the bridleway.
6. Table tennis table: The budget for the tennis table is £1000. The concrete and labour to install the table is proving to be expensive, the Friends of Jubilee Park will continue to look for affordable quotes. It was suggested that the position of the table should be near the round picnic table in the playground.
7. **Dates of Future meetings:** The next meeting will take place on the 16th May 2016 at 7:30pm
8. **Miscellaneous:**

* It was suggested looking into erecting a wooden directional sign post near the war memorial with finger posts indicating where the sportsfield, tennis club and playground are.
* Cutting of Appleton Landing to be added to May’s agenda

Meeting closed at 8:50pm