

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting – 3 January 2017; 7.30 at the pavilion.

1. Apologies : Kelvin Speirs, Jane Donovan

2. Attendees : Emma Elford, Tina Lambert, Jo Taylor, Darryl Bailey, Ian Earl, David Richards

The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were agreed and signed.

3. Matters Arising from minutes of 2 November 2016

- a) The tennis club had received no response from Network Rail and were now obtaining quotes re filling in the side of the track.
- b) DB queried the availability of the ground on Saturday for junior football as this was in conflict with the contract which had been drawn up for Junior Football with Clare Eastwood. IE confirmed that the senior football club used the field from the 2nd Saturday in September to the 3rd Saturday in April. However there is a need to compromise regarding the state of the field and cricket fixtures. The junior football had fixtures through to the 14th May and they would obviously need to play elsewhere for the later games. KS to supply cricket fixtures when available.
- c) The radiator guards were now installed.
- d) IE offered Junior Football lock up facilities in football / bar cupboards as their box is still being tampered with in spite of closing firmly after Saturday mornings.

4. User Reports

a) Archery

No report

b) Cricket

No report – close season

c) Stoolball

No report – close season

d) Football

The club are having an enjoyable season although results could be better. 50 people played in a match on Christmas Eve between past and present members. Triangular end of building needed repair. IE was given permission to go ahead and arrange for the repairs.

e) Honeybees

TL reported that Honeybees were flourishing with 29 children and 4 to go to school in September. Now financially stable.

f) Junior Football

The club now had 160 members and were training at Great Walstead from 14 January to the end of February but will still play matches at Plumpton if possible.

5. Any other business

Problems with the play park needed to be followed up and Damian to be asked to contact contractors

6. Matters Arising from minutes of meeting on 7 December 2016

- a) Drew Timmins name had been omitted from people attending.
- b) All members had received Emma's collation of main priorities for refurbishment
- c) Regarding comments received on the state of the field David agreed to get new ties for trees and IE would dispose of the broken bench in the play park.

7. Refurbishment

The committee had £28,000 to spend on refurbishment. Des Lambert is on a "Committee for Leaders ; a group who are able to help help to obtain grants for rural locations in need of refurbishment. It was felt that this could be useful to us.

The committee felt it was necessary to speak to a respected builder about our plans for refurbishment and for Jo to contact Steven Bodsworth and ask him to meet at the pavilion and advise us on the brief.

The date of the next meeting on refurbishment was set Tuesday 7th February. The next playing field meeting was set for Wednesday 8 March ; both 7.30 in the Pavilion.