

King George V Playing Field Committee Meeting –1 November 2017; 7.30 at the pavilion.

1. **Apologies** : Andrew Holdsworth, Jo Taylor, Luke Hayman, Jane Donovan, Stephen Morris
2. **Attendees** : Emma Elford, Tina Lambert, , Kelvin Speirs, Bernie Kempton, Sabino Petruccelli
3. The minutes of the last meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting and were agreed.

Matters Arising

KS has spoken about the management of the grass and proposed that this is best dealt with in the Spring. There will be further discussion on this at the January meeting.

Village Parking : the problem of Saturday morning football parking has not yet been resolved but suggested that the hard-standing area at the racecourse could be used. Also suggested a parking monitor situated to inform how to find the approach to the racecourse. Update on this at the next meeting.

4. Refurbishment

Work has not yet begun. Further discussion is taking place re reconfiguration of changing rooms and removal of showers. The quote for alternative suggestions has not yet been received from SB but he has had discussions with the Fire Officer as to which doors can be removed and how can be best altered to suit.

5. User Reports

a) Junior Football

The club is having great success with largest number ever of members although this is presenting challenges particularly with the number of coaches to help with training.

a) Honeybees

The group is doing well and almost achieving fundraising targets. It is very busy and now has a waiting list.. It has applied to Ofsted to allow it increase numbers to 22-30 children.

A lot of time is spent outside with forest school so space is sufficient but suggested it would be necessary to use extra room in pavilion if needed. Payment will be made on an honesty basis. The number of children now going to Plumpton School is improving; this year it is 6 and next year 14.

c) Archery / Football/Cricket/Stoolball

No report.

6. Maintenance

- a) The grass needs to be cut again as it is very patchy and grass is still growing due to the mild weather. EE to contact the grass cutter.
- b) The cricket club had a working party but the practice nets still need work ie mainly gardening around nets , before repairs can be completed. This will be done before next season.
- c) The rotting goal posts have been removed.
- d) The mound in the play park has been refurbished
- e) Litter picking has been arranged for 19 November. A suggestion was made that the football club should remind players not to leave black tape lying around which amounts to a lot of litter.

7. Any Other Business

- a) The junior football club will still need cooking facilities whilst alterations are taking place. It was confirmed that Steve will take this into consideration.
- b) It was suggested that mobile goal posts would be more suitable for cricket and stoolball. It was expected that the goal posts would be replaced like for like in the same place as before. The costs exceed the amount approved by the Parish Council. The Junior football club are making a contribution towards the costs but there is still a shortfall.
- c) A query raised at the September parish council meeting re tax and NI payments for Playing Field employees.
- d) There is a problem recently with padlocks on the gate to the access road. There are reports that this has been left open. Is this now resolved ?
- e) The stoolball club reported an issue with blocked toilets. All users are reminded to advise if there is a problem and have consideration for other users. They are also reminded not to remove toilet mops and brushes.

The next playing field meeting is set for Wednesday 3 January 2018 at 7.30 in the Pavilion.