

Minutes of the Playing Field Committee April 22nd 7.30pm at the Pavilion.

Present:

Terry Thompsett (Acting Chair), Jo Taylor (Stoolball rep), Katie Wride (PC rep), Jenny Honess (Honeybees rep), Clare Eastwood (PC rep), Gina Hawthorne (Activity Scheme rep), Ian Earl (Football Club rep), Jonathan Taylor (Cricket club rep).

On behalf of the whole committee TT thanked Kelvin Speirs for the tremendous amount of work he has done for the Playing Fields committee over many years. Although Kelvin has now stepped down he has agreed to help with the hand over period and will continue to help with the accounts for which the committee is very thankful.

TT reported that he had been elected by the Parish Council to be Acting Chair for the PF committee until the Annual Statutory Meeting in May.

Summer Fun Day Sunday 28th June

It was agreed that the start time would be 1pm with activities ending at about 5pm. Depending on the weather a BBQ and band would follow in the evening.

Events include:

1. Running Race around PF with cup for the winner. CE offered to organise cup and event.
2. Tug of War for adults. CE agreed to ask the school for their rope and organise event.
3. Individual activities i.e face painting, penalty shoot out etc. Each rep agreed to ask their club/committee what activity they would like to run and how much they would charge etc. TT agreed to ask the archery club. CE agreed to ask the tennis club.
4. Stoolball Tournament. It was decided that teams would comprise 4 men and 4 women who would pay £1 per head to enter. JoT offered to organise this event. All reps agreed to ask their clubs to field a team.
5. Refreshments. JoT agreed to ask stoolball club if they would serve tea and coffees. JoT and GH will ask their members to make cakes. IE will ask the football club to run the bar.
6. Tombola. JoT would put a box in the pavilion and ask clubs to donate items in the run up to the event.
7. PA and Band. JH agreed to ask Tim and the band Relation whether they would like to run this event.
8. BBQ. JoT will buy the food. IE agreed to ask the football club to run the BBQ.
9. Publicity. IE will ask Hayley if she will make and laminate posters for the pavilion and village. CE agreed to put advert in parish mag and to ask Reg to put in Pump again. KW to put in Middy column.

The event will be the main focus of the next PF meeting.

Grass cutting

JT reported that this had been discussed at the last CC meeting and all members were aware of where the meadow land and other areas which should/ should not be cut. The PF committee asked if particular attention could be made to strimming the nettles and brambles inside the play park, under the benches, and at the entrance to the pavilion. JT asked that the details of the grass cutting contract is clarified with the PC and welcomed more feedback on performance. TT agreed to do this.

Allotments

TT reported that changes to legislation now mean that PC's are under obligation to provide allotments if the waiting list exceeds a certain figure. It is inevitable that the playing fields would be looked at as a possible site but this was not something that would happen for the foreseeable future.

Basketball Court

TT has submitted the planning documents to LDC recently. It will take several weeks for a response. TT thought that there may be some concern about drainage but this could be easily rectified.

Play Park

CE has met with Andy Frost at LDC re a possible updating of equipment and additional works to the play park. He was very keen to help with the design and sources of grants. It was also noted that a local student was looking at the play park as part of a college course and that any designs might be useful to the PF committee. IE offered to speak to the student.

CE has also sourced a number of grants for the play park. She was informed by AF at LDC that the S106 funding from the garage development could also be used for this purpose.

Car Park

TT is going to look into the current state of the car park to find the cheapest and easiest way it could be levelled. He will also arrange to meet the three contractors who provided the original quotes for resurfacing.

Bob Taylor has offered to organise a barrier into the main field.

Outside toilet

CE asked whether the outside toilet could be left open for PF users. She would be prepared to monitor and clean it. It was agreed to have a one week trial during the school holidays, probably in May.

Keys

Most reps have their own key. JoT asked for another one to be cut for the stoolball club.

Bookings

Kelvin has agreed to manage these until the contact details are changed in the parish mag. CE offered to take on this role. It was agreed that the level and type of booking should remain the same with sports clubs etc always taking priority. Charges would remain at £10-15 for children's parties and £45 for evening events. IE offered to go down to the pavilion as requested by any members of the public if there are any problems with parties/burglar alarm etc. GH queried the liability issue re parties etc. TT said he would look into this.

Risk Assessments

TT will be conducting these in the near future. At the last PC meeting Oliver St John offered to meet TT at the pavilion and advise him on what fire safety etc signs were needed.

Child Protection

This was raised at the last PC meeting. CE offered to do this role.

Bin emptying

TT is doing this at the moment. All reps also agreed to put bins out as and when necessary after events.

Recycling area

VAP has arranged for LDC to collect cardboard from a designated site in the village. It was discussed at the last PC meeting and agreed that the current recycling facility at the PF car park could be used. VAP volunteers have agreed to organise the replacement of existing bins and to keep the area tidy. The PF committee were also in agreement and suggested a trial period of six months. TT will inform the VAP SC.

Electricity charges

The electricity charges for the pavilion are extraordinarily high. TT agreed to investigate why. GH suggested a possible change of service provider. CE agreed to ask the tennis club how high its electricity bills are. TT agreed to organise official electrical testing.

Water charges

It was noted at the last PC meeting that new legislation to come into force in 2010 could mean that all public buildings, including the pavilion, could be charged extra water rates in the region of £500 to £700 p.a. The PC clerk is writing to Norman Baker to challenge the proposal.

Finance

Money from various fundraising events i.e jumbles is currently being held in the football club bank account. It was decided that, if possible, the PFs own account could be resurrected and used for this in the future. TT noted that he would be looking into the accounts re payment of services etc.

Skate Park

A MOP has asked the PC to try to reduce the noise generated by skateboards on equipment at the skate park. It has been discussed at length by the PC which is looking into ways and costs of deadening the sound perhaps with an in fill of sand/foam. Another option being looked at is a possible relocation though an important factor would be cost.

Memorial for Foye Ridley

It has been agreed by the PC that it would be apt to plant a tree in the village to commemorate the work Foye did as our tree warden. The PF committee agreed that the Village Green may be a better site than the PF.

Football pitches

It was noted that one of the football pitches were suffering from a drainage problem. IE explained that it was an on going problem and that the football club had put two tonnes of sand on it which has helped considerably.

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There was doubt as to whether this is in fact necessary. TT will ask the PC.

Cleaning

CE has taken over the cleaning role at the pavilion. It was agreed that 1 hr a week was too little time to do the job properly. IE proposed that all the clubs jointly paid a little extra to fund an extra hour a week. Clubs were also asked to put chairs and tables to one side after meetings/ events to make cleaning easier.

Minutes

KW agreed to write the minutes for this meeting but suggested that the job was done on a rotational basis.

Date of next meeting: 4th June 7.30 at the pavilion.

These are draft minutes and will be ratified at next meeting.