

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARISH HELD ON TUESDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 2012 AT THE NEWICK SPORTS PAVILION, KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD, ALLINGTON ROAD, NEWICK COMMENCING AT 7.20 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. C. Armitage, (Chairman for this Cttee), Cllr. Mrs. DJ Sprackling, Cllr. Mrs. M. Thew and the Clerk (Mrs. Linda M. Farmer).
No members of the public were present.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Mrs. C. Wickens (Vice-Chairman) and Cllr. Mrs. J. Smerdon.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no Declarations of Interest.
3. **Questions from the Public:** There were no questions from the public.
4. **Action taken in consultation with the Chairman and Vice of Playing Fields Cttee**
The Blacksmith had been requested to replace bolts on Skateboarding Equipment at the end of August.
A wasp nest had been dealt with in the Play Area.
A replacement picnic table had been purchased for the area by the Multi-goal in the King George V Playing Field which had now been fitted. Unfortunately the table had already been vandalised. This had been reported to PCSO Sally-Ann Reed who was aware of the problems and was dealing with it. The Clerk was given permission to erect a litter bin, which had been in storage, close to the area to try to solve the problem of littering.
5. **Play Areas**
 - (a) Play area and "Street Course" - Monthly reports by LDC. The past three months had shown no work required.
 - (b) Painting of equipment – It was hoped that this work would be started at the end of the week. The Clerk was to arrange for the area around the Green Youth Shelter to be taped off.
 - (c) Moss in Play Area – This matter was being addressed.
6. **Report by Cllr. Mrs. Thew & Cllr. Mrs. Wickens relating to the Sports Pavilion Cttee Meeting**
Cllr. Mrs. Thew reported that the minutes of this meeting had been received and forwarded to the Clerk for the Parish Council records. She also confirmed that the letter from the Parish Council in response to the Sports Pavilion Management's request to use the base of the cricket net practice area by the Pavilion for new storage facilities had now been sent.
7. **Street Course / Skateboarding Area** – Members had been circulated with the notes of the Skateboarders User Group noting that progress was being made to reduce the noise being emitted from the equipment by using soil and boarding in the equipment. Information about this

had been sent to the Environmental Officer Mr. Hele but that nothing further had been received concerning the issues around the noise. The Chair proposed a letter be sent to Mr. Hele asking for an update with regard to the further monitoring which had been planned for the summer. This was supported.

8. **Outdoor exercise equipment** – No action as present until the issues of the Skateboarding area had been resolved.
9. **Opening and locking of the Play Area – KGVPF** – The Chairman reported on a letter received from a resident of Allington Place expressing concerns that when the Clerk retired who would unlock the Play Area in the mornings. It was agreed to put an article in the PC September Newsletter asking if there was an early morning dog walker or person who would undertake this duty.
10. **Digging out about nine inches of grass either side of the fencing to the Play Area and putting down pea beach to keep the grass from growing through** – the Playing Fields Committee supported this proposal but asked that bark be used and not pea beach. The Clerk would arrange for this work to be undertaken by the Village Maintenance person.

Meeting Closed at 7.45 p.m.

Signed: Dated:

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