

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE OF THE ABOVE-NAMED PARISH HELD ON TUESDAY, 13th MARCH, 2012 AT THE SPORTS PAVILION, ALLINGTON ROAD, NEWICK COMMENCING AT 6.50 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr. C. Armitage, (Chairman for this Cttee), Cllr. Mrs. M. Thew, Cllr. Mrs. Cathy Wickens and the Clerk (Mrs. Linda M. Farmer).
Cllr. Mrs. Smerdon joined the meeting at the conclusion of item 6.

1. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Mrs. C. Sharpe,
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no Declarations of Interest.
3. **Questions from the Public:**
4. **Action Taken by the Chairman, Vice and Clerk:**

Permission had been given for the Newick Football Club to erect hoardings during its matches.

Permission had been given to carry out repair work to the Multi-Play area. This work would be carried out by Wicksteed Leisure and it should be completed before the end of March..

Gaps in the hedging in KGVPF which was highlighted in the Annual Risk Assessment had been filled in by Barcombe Landscapes. It was agreed to accept Barcombe Landscapes offer to keep an eye on gaps appearing in the hedging on KGVPF and fill in when necessary. This was agreed at an annual cost of £50.00.
5. **Play Area:**
 - (a) **Play area and "Street Course"** - Monthly reports by LDC. The past three months up to February had shown no work required other than already identified however the report received for February, 2012 showed that there was some minor wear to the chain links which needed to be monitored. It was noted that one of the baby swing cradles needed to be looked at as some of the plastic covering was coming off.
 - (b) **Annual Inspection of Play Areas** - This report had been received before Christmas and the recommendations were being dealt with.
 - (c) **Painting of equipment** – Two quotations had been obtained one at £700.00 and one at £560.00. Members were also informed that the Village Handyperson could do some of the painting if required. It was agreed to accept the quotation from English and Sons. It was noted that the paint would be obtained by the Parish Council as this was special paint for play equipment. The Clerk was authorized to inform English and Sons that they had the work and for this to be undertaken as soon as weather conditions permit.
 - (d) **Roof to Multi-play** – This had been authorized to be repaired.
 - (e) **Graffiti** – the Clerk had obtained more solution for the removal of graffiti in the Playing Fields and other areas. It was noted that the graffiti on the concrete would have to be removed professionally which could be costly.
 - (f) **Dog bin request by Multi-goal equipment** – The Clerk was asked to find out how much this would cost.
 - (g) **Moss in Play Area** – The Clerk was seeking a quotation for this work to be carried out.
6. **Report by Cllr. Mrs. Thew relating to the Sports Pavilion Committee:**

Hoardings – It was noted that no further comments from the Newick Cricket Club had been received requesting permission to erect hoarding during their matches.

Patio area outside the Sports Pavilion – It was noted that two quotations had now been received with a further one having been requested. After a discussion it was agreed to recommend to the Council not to help financially with this project. However after hearing about the heating system for the Sports Pavilion and painting of the Pavilion on the outside it was provisionally agreed to look at considering helping with funding for one or both of these projects.

The Clerk was asked to remind the Cricket Club about removing some of the grass cuttings by Twitten House before the start of the new mowing season stating that if

they had difficulties in doing this the Council could arrange for it to be done and then bill the Cricket Club for this work.

Cllrs Mrs. Thew and Mrs. Wickens were thanked for their support.

7. **Street Course / Skateboarding Area:** The Clerk to remind Mr. Kedge Environmental Officer for LDC that soundings for this area were to be taken during the Easter Holiday period. He was to be reminded to ensure that Newick Parish Council had sight of the findings as soon as possible.
8. **Outdoor exercise equipment:** Cllr. Mrs. Smerdon was given permission to seek quotations and look for funding. A site meeting was to be arranged with members of the Playing Fields Committee to look at areas in the KGVPF where these could be positioned.
9. **Trees (DMRPF) –** Cllr. Mrs. Wickens reported that the Parish Council had given permission to plant a new Oak tree where the old Beech tree used to be and that after investigations this site was considered to be appropriate. A Dedication of the Diamond Jubilee tree would be carried out on Sunday, 3rd June, 2012 commencing at 12.15 p.m. Cllr. Mrs. Wickens was going to check the time as it was mentioned that this clashed with a Stoolball Match.
Regarding the copse in the DMRPF on the far side of the Rugby Pitch a meeting with Mr. D. and Mr. N. Alexander and Mr. D. Funnell had taken place with a suggestion that three or four trees be planted in front of the farm buildings. It was agreed that Cllr. Mrs. Wickens would arrange a site meeting with members of the Playing Fields Committee to look at this before pursuing further. It was noted that there should be no trees on the south side of the field as this would take away the view in the future. It was noted that any recommendation would have to go to the full Council for approval.
10. **CCTV in the KGVPF –** The Clerk explained that a new camera was not required and that the problem was due to cabling. A camera had been repositioned to cover the loss. It was noted that to fully rectify the situation a new cable would have to be installed at a cost of £1048.00 including VAT. It was decided to recommend that at present no further action be taken and to look at the situation should there be further problems in the future.
11. **Review of Conditions of Use for pitches and review of the National Playing Fields Recommendations –** It was agreed that these be approved but with one addition to the Conditions of Use for Pitches namely about writing to the Parish Council for permission should a club wish to erect a hoarding during its matches.
12. **49TH Annual Torch Trophy –** It was noted that the Parish Council's nominee had been awarded a Runners Up position.
13. **Items for the next Agenda:**
14. **Date of Next Meeting:** The next Playing Fields Committee is due to be held on 12th June, 2012.

The Clerk was asked to speak to the Village Handyman about clearing and tidying up the area outside the gate at Church Road entrance.

Meeting Closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed: Dated:

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