

NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Meeting of Newick Parish Council Playing Fields Committee held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road on Tuesday, 11th June, 2013 at 7.20 p.m.

Present: Councillors: C. Armitage, Mrs J. Smerdon, Mrs M. Thew, and Mrs C. Wickens.
In Attendance: Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)

1. **Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman for Playing Fields Committee** – It was agreed that Cllr. Armitage would be Chairman and Cllr. Mrs Wickens would be Vice Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee.
2. **Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given** – Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs Sprackling (illness). It was resolved to approve the reason given.
3. **Disclosure by Members of personal interest in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct** – There were no disclosures.
4. **Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – No members of the public were present at the meeting.
5. **Skateboard Area** – Update on noise reduction work and preliminary discussions on relocation of skateboard facility
It was noted that the soundproofing work to the skateboard area had been carried out. However, the contractor had advised that additional mineral fibre would be required to fill the void completely. This had been ordered from the supplier. It was agreed that Ed Hele, Environmental Health Officer from Lewes District Council, should be informed when the job had been completed.
It was agreed that the Clerk should contact a skate park company to carry out a site visit sometime late July/early August in order to advise on the possible relocation of the skate park.
6. **Inspections of Play Area and Skateboard Area** – It was noted that the Annual Inspections to the Play Area and Skateboard Area would be carried out by the Play Inspection Company prior to the school summer holidays.
It was noted that the Village Handy Person's role in weekly inspections of play equipment and other Parish Council property on the playing field was being reviewed and that Lewes District Council had been contacted in order to request initial training of the new Village Handy Person on what to look for when inspecting this equipment.
7. **Erosion of ground around Skateboard Area and Youth Shelter** – Action to be taken to reinstate the surface. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Barcombe Landscapes to ask for a quotation for reinstating the soil levels around the edges of the skateboard area, in front of the youth shelter and and in front of the Multi Use Games area.
8. **Removal of grass cuttings by Cricket Club** – It was noted that the grass cuttings had still not been removed. The Clerk had spoken to the secretary of the Cricket Club who had advised that the matter was on the agenda to be discussed at the Cricket Club meeting on Wednesday 12th June. It was agreed that the Cricket Club should be advised that if the grass cuttings were not removed by the end of June 2013 the Parish Council would arrange for this work to be carried out and recharge the Cricket Club.
9. **Arrangements for Inspection of Playing Fields by members of Committee** – It was agreed that Cllrs. Armitage, Mrs Thew and Mrs Wickens would carry out an inspection of the Playing Fields on Friday 21st June. The Clerk would send a copy of the previous year's inspection report for information.
10. **Items for the next agenda** – There were no items for the next agenda

The Meeting Closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed.....Dated.....

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