

## 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 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: C. Armitage (Chairman of this committee),  
Mrs J. Smerdon, Mrs DJ Sprackling, and Mrs C. Wickens.  
**In Attendance:** Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)  
Two members of the public were present

- 1. Apologies for Absence and to consider whether to approve reasons given –**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr. Mrs Thew (prior family engagement). It was resolved to approve the reason given for this absence.
- 2. 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 –** No disclosures were made.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public –** Mr and Mrs Balloch attended the meeting and asked how the provision of facilities for young people fitted in with the Neighbourhood Plan, and whether or not residents would have the opportunity to make comments regarding the skateboard facility. They also reported that problems with noise and bad language from youngsters using the skate park were worsening and that youngsters had taken to using the skate park after dark, which Mr and Mrs Balloch considered should be discouraged.

Cllr. Mrs Wickens confirmed that the provision of community facilities for leisure and wellbeing were being considered by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and that a policy was being developed. She also confirmed that all views submitted through consultation events and the questionnaire would be taken into consideration.

*Cllr. Mrs Smerdon joined the meeting at 6.45 p.m.*

Cllr. Armitage outlined the action that had been taken towards trying to relocate the skate park at some time in the future, and what had been done to try to reduce the impact of the existing facility.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact the PCSO to alert her to the problems that were occurring and to ask for evening patrols to be made. It was agreed that contact would be made with the skateboard user group to discuss the problem of noise and bad language with them.

- 4. Skateboard Area –** Correspondence from resident regarding problems associated with use of Skateboard Area. An email from Mr Shorter regarding problems of noise from the skateboard area was noted.
- 5. Inspections of Play Area and Skateboard Area –** A report by the Clerk containing an update on the repair work carried out to play equipment was circulated and noted. Quotations for the hire of fencing to surround the roundabout were considered. It was agreed that fencing should be hired from Brandon Fencing for an initial period of one month at a cost of £17 per week plus delivery charge. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to obtain a quotation for the removal of the roundabout. It was noted that the surface of the skateboard area was cracking and it was agreed that Lindsey Baker should be asked to repair this
- 6. Items for the next agenda –** Update from sub committee regarding their plans for provision of play equipment for the under fives.

**The Meeting Closed at 7.15 p.m.**

**Signed.....Dated.....**

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