

**Meeting of the Leisure and Recreation Committee of the Parish Council  
at the Village Hall  
Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 8:00 pm**

Issued by Susan Blomerus (Clerk) – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## MINUTES

**Present:** Mr John Adams (Chairman), Mrs Susan Blomerus (Parish clerk), Mrs Mary Carey, Mr Roger Gilkes, Dr Mark Richards, Mrs Sara Withers

**Also present:** Mr Hjalmar Blomerus (Sportsfield Advisory Group)  
Mrs Tina Mould (Friends of Appleton Playground)

**17/46 Apologies for absence:** Mr Neil Woodley

**17/47 Declarations of Interest:** None

**17/48 Nomination of new chairman:** Dr Mark Richards nominated Mr John Adams as the new chairman and Mrs Mary Carey seconded the nomination. Mr John Adams accepted the role of chairman for the Leisure and Recreation Committee

**17/49 Public questions and statements:**

None

**17/50 Matters arising from the previous meeting and not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:**

**Discuss the use of bonded rubber shred at the playground:** Mrs Sara Withers reported that she has looked into rubber shred options for surfacing at the playground but the quality is not suitable for the playground.

**Parking at the sportsfield:** Mr Gilkes will ask Mr Mansfield for the no parking signs. The signs will be kept in the pavilion for when they are needed.

**17/51 Signing of the minutes:** The minutes of the 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017 meeting was signed as a true record.

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### Playground:

**17/52 Improvement to the bottom of the slide area in response to a tripping incident:** The bordering installed around the area of the slide to keep the bark contained is a trip hazard, as the bordering is the same colour as the bark. Dr Richards has painted the bordering white so it's more visible. The raised bordering was not mentioned in the operational inspection report therefore the committee agreed that they will keep an eye on the situation.

**17/53 Rowing machine at playground:** The committee has received a report that the current rowing machine installed at the playground poses a safety concern. Concerns mentioned were the handle bars and the crushing point at the seat. It was resolved that the clerk will report these concerns to the Play Inspection Company so the rowing machine can be checked at the annual inspection in January 2018 and a risk rating can be given. The Friends of the playground will find out if the rowing machine is well used. The committee resolved to wait for the result of the annual inspection report.

**17/54 Operational inspection report:** Everything in the report is low risk. It was agreed that some of the findings need addressing in the report. It was resolved to ask the friends of the playground to look at the operational report for the playground and report back to the committee what needs actioning. This will be every three months. The clerk was asked to add it to the agenda for the meeting in January.

The gate has collapsed at the playground. Mr Hopgood has looked at the batch of wood and suspects that it was not treated properly. Mr Adams will ask Mr Hopgood to install a new post and refit the gate.

**17/55 Table Tennis Table grant:** It was agreed to purchase more bats and balls with the remainder of the grant.

### **Sportsfield:**

**17/56 Report from the sportsfield advisory group:** The sportsfield advisory group have not found a solution to fit all the football pitches on to the sportsfield. Mr Rick Hopgood needs to have a wider pitch next season. It was suggested to paint Mr Hopgood's pitch in the adult football pitch but the committee would need to address the drainage issue at the sportsfield. The committee need realistic quotes for the drainage. Mr Gilkes will organise for someone to have a look at the drainage issues at the sportsfield.

The bus parked at the sportsfield will be discussed at the January meeting.

**17/57 Football pitch markings:** Discussed above

**17/58 CCTV:** The cricket club would like to invest in new equipment and would like the CCTV equipment installed at the sportsfield pavilion. It was agreed to allow Appleton Cricket Club to install and manage the CCTV equipment.

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**17/59 Budget 2018/19:** The budget for the playground was approved. The sportsfield budget was approved subject to receiving drainage quotes. It was agreed that the parish council can agree drainage quotes on behalf of the committee at the December parish council meeting and the sportsfield budget can be updated accordingly.

**17/60 Dates of Future meetings:** 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**17/61 Miscellaneous:**

1. Maintenance of the pavilion: Dr Richards will email a date for the maintenance day at the pavilion.