

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE HELD IN THE RECREATION GROUND ON SATURDAY, 16 OCTOBER 2010 AT 9.00 AM

**Present:** Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen, Mrs A Trend and Mr L Cornell.

**In Attendance:** Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr M Böckle and Mrs P Wyeth.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting**

The Minutes for the meeting held on 25 June 2010, having been circulated, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising**

*(a) Aerial Runway*

It was noted that negotiations were still under way to ensure that the aerial runway was returned to use with all the necessary safety standards adhered to.

*(b) Youth Shelter*

The Clerk explained that it had not been possible to pursue this matter due to budget restraints in the current financial year.

**5. Improvements made in this financial year**

The main improvement this year had been the addition of an aerial runway. A Fun Day had been held in August, following a similar pattern to the previous two years. The skateboard ramp had been resurfaced. Strimming of grass had been undertaken on a more regular basis.

**6. CCTV**

It was unanimously agreed that CCTV in the Recreation Ground was now necessary in order to safeguard the Parish Council's investment in this area. The Chairman had made extensive enquiries into the possibility of providing CCTV equipment in the Recreation Ground to deal with the increased levels of vandalism experienced in recent times. Mr David Reece joined the meeting and outlined his proposals for the best solution to the problem. The Chairman had previously outlined these proposals to the Parish Councillors at their meeting on Tuesday 12 October and, due to the urgency of this matter, permission had been given for the cost of any outlay up to £5,000 to be taken from the Parish Council reserve funds.

**RESOLVED:** That the Chairman continue to explore possibilities, report back to the Clerk with a specification and the Clerk would obtain three quotations for the work involved.

## 7. Skateboard equipment

The existing skateboard ramp was discussed, together with the possibility of extending the ramp and providing further street skating equipment.

**RESOLVED:** That further enquiries be made, especially from young people using the existing equipment.

## 8. Additional proposals for financial year 2011/12

### (a) *Play equipment for younger children*

Discussion took place regarding the need, in the current financially difficult climate, to find ways of entertaining residents near to home. It was considered that there was a need for play equipment for very young children and it was noted that there was room for a small separate area to accommodate several pieces of equipment and a small picnic table.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk source brochures for the next meeting.

### (b) *Seating*

It was felt that two bench seats could be placed adjacent to the younger children's play area.

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk make enquiries at Soffes in Cadnam and the Forestry Commission.

### (c) *Buccaneer Ship*

**RESOLVED:** That the Clerk approach Timberline to ascertain whether it would be possible to put a large porthole in the far end of the buccaneer ship to lighten it up inside.

## 8. Fencing

There was still one length of fencing needing replacement on the right hand side of the Recreation Ground. It would not be possible to deal with this matter in the current financial year and it was recognised that much of the damage had been done by residents and visitors to Holmfield coming into the Recreation Ground through an "unofficial" entrance in Holmfield's grounds.

**RESOLVED:**

(a) That the sum of £1,200 be added to the budget request for the next financial year. It was the Parish Council's responsibility to maintain the fencing.

(b) That a letter be sent to residents of Holmfield asking them not to use this "unofficial" route into the Recreation Ground.

**9. Budget request for financial year 2010/2011**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Rent	£700.00
Grasscutting, etc	£600.00
Maintenance - skateboard ramp	2,000.00
Maintenance - play area	£1,000.00
Insurance	£200.00
Fencing	£1,200.00
Picnic benches/seats	£500.00
Camera/signage	£400.00
Play equipment/development	£6,000.00
Strimming	£800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£13,400.00</b>

**10. Any Other Business**

In the absence of any other business the Chairman thanked those present for attending and closed the meeting.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_