

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
HELD IN THE RECREATION GROUND ON TUESDAY, 7 OCTOBER 2008 AT 6.00
PM

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mr M Bóckle, Mr I Clark, Miss H Palmer and Mrs A Trend.

In Attendance: Clerk to the Council: Mrs M Weston

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr G Bisson.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of the Previous Committee Meeting

The Minutes for the meeting held on 23 June 2008, having been circulated, were approved as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

(a) New Play Area

Equipment had been installed and the opening had taken place to coincide with the visit by NFDC Recreation Roadshow. The equipment was proving to be very successful and of a high standard.

(b) Spoil

It was noted that the spoil that had been placed along the boundary ditch at Wellands Road by the Junior Football Club had been left in place as the resident of the adjoining property had no objection to it.

5. Improvements 2008/2009

The new play area, fencing incorporating seating and safety surfacing had all been installed. New signage had been put in place at the entrance to the play area and age restriction signage erected in both play areas. Seating had been refurbished and the entrance and adjacent area strimmed. The large item of play equipment in the first play area had received renovation although it was considered to be nearing the end of its life. The safety surfacing in this area had also been raked back into place and the membrane refixed.

6. Skateboard Ramp

The Chairman reported that he and the Clerk would be meeting with PC Andy White on 9 October to talk about possible future funding for the skateboard ramp and any other ideas he might have.

The Chairman said he would like to put a flyer on the side of the ramp with Parish Council contact details so ascertain what users of the ramp would like to see in the future. Other ideas included painting the ramp to make a blank canvas and inviting young people to adorn it with painted hand prints. Mr Clark said he didn't think skateboard ramps were as popular now and asked that the Committee consider a cycle track. It might be possible to involve local youth in its formulation and construction. A steel construction skateboard ramp with a marine ply deck could have a dual use.

7. Proposals for the Financial Year 2009/2010

(a) Play Area Equipment

Discussion took place about the possibility of providing another item of play equipment to replace the existing large piece of wooden equipment that was coming to the end of its life. It was also understood that a roundabout would be a popular addition to the play area.

RESOLVED: That the Timberline pirate ship be added to the budget request for 2009/10.

(b) Perimeter Path

The Chairman outlined the idea of providing a multi-use perimeter path around the Recreation Ground. The cost of this would be approximately £5,000. Items of interest could then be added at various stages along the path that would suit different age groups.

(c) Regular maintenance

Discussion took place as to whether regular maintenance, ie strimming and tidying, should be added to the budget. It was considered that keeping the Recreation Ground tidy, especially near the entrance, helped to open up the area and make it more inviting to visitors.

RESOLVED: That strimming be added to the budget for 2009/10.

8. Signage

RESOLVED: Clerk to contact NFDC and ask if they had come to any decision regarding the possibility of signage in the High Street to show the direction of the Recreation Ground.

9. Fencing

RESOLVED: That some work be undertaken each year to renew the fencing between the Recreation Ground and Holmfield using the same fencing materials as previously used.

10. Budget Request for the Financial Year 2009/2010

RESOLVED: That the following budget request be made for the financial year 2009/2010:

Description	Maintenance	Development	Total
Rent	£600.00		
Grasscutting, etc	£600.00		
Maintenance - skateboard ramp	2,000.00		
Maintenance - play area	£500.00		
Insurance	£400.00		
Fencing		£500.00	
Picnic benches/seats (x3)		£800.00	
Camera/signage		£500.00	
Play equipment		£6,800.00	
	£4,100.00	£8,600.00	
TOTAL			£12,700.00

11. Any Other Business

Discussion took place as to how the possibility of providing a roundabout and a perimeter walk, incorporating a cycle track could be funded.

RESOLVED: That the possibility of outside funding for these items be explored during the financial year 2009/2010.

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

Chairman _____

Date _____