

LYNDHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Recreation Committee held in Lyndhurst on Friday, 11 April 2015 at Colesmead Recreation Ground at 6.00 pm.

Present: Mr M Rollé (Chairman), Mrs H Klaassen, Mr K Kaljura and Mrs A Trend.

In Attendance: Mrs M Weston (Clerk to the Council)

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Mr L Cornell.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the Recreation Committee meeting held on 15 November 2014 were approved.

4. Matters Arising

None.

5. Maintenance of Existing Equipment

It was noted that work would be taking place following the Easter school holiday break. Kevin Bennett would be undertaking most of the work and John Mackenzie would be asked to undertake some carpentry work, mainly to the buccaneer ship.

The subject of the safety surfacing under the swings was discussed as this area receives a lot of wear and tear. £300 has just been expended on play bark and it is estimated that a further £1,000 needs to be spent in order to bring the play area to a successful standard. This would only cover the cost of materials.

RESOLVED: That the cost of providing wet pour safety surfacing be explored under the swings to the required dimensions to meet safety regulations.

It was noted that the zip wire did not operate properly although it did meet safety requirements.

RESOLVED: That the possibility of raising the posts at the higher end and lowering them at the other end be explored. The cable would also need to be adjusted.

6. Ground work, maintenance and car parking

Strimming and general maintenance would take place on a regular basis. However any work to the track and car park would be held in abeyance for the time being to see if finance became available from developer's contributions that it was anticipated would become available in the near future.

7. Skateboard Ramp (Existing and Planned)

The new skateboard ramp was inspected and it was agreed that it was in good condition. The fence and undergrowth between the two fields had now been removed, making the skateboard ramp more visible from the gate and play area.

Discussion took place regarding whether the second phase of the equipment should be purchased immediately or whether the Committee should wait until The Boltons became occupied as at that time developer's contributions should become available, although specific criteria would need to be met.

RESOLVED: To wait until the first property at The Boltons was occupied to see if developer's contributions became available as the skateboard equipment would be a suitable project for these funds.

8. Additional CCTV

It was noted that additional CCTV would still be advisable. A new monitor had been purchased for the existing equipment.

9. Adult Fitness Equipment

RESOLVED: To continue gaining information about adult fitness equipment with a view to providing some when the outcome of developer's contributions is known.

10. Any Other Business

The Clerk reported that she had received an enquiry from the Junior Football Club who is considering extending the changing rooms to provide toilets. They had asked whether the Parish Council would be willing to provide a contribution towards the cost.

RESOLVED: That the Parish Council supported the idea in principle but would like more details when they become available and recognised that there was a definite need for toilets in the Recreation Ground.

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

_____ Chairman

_____ Clerk