

LITTLE DOWNHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Play Area & Recreation Committee meeting held in the Book Café of the Village Hall, Little Downham, on Thursday, 2 July 2009 commencing at 7.45pm.

Committee Members present: Cllrs CE Hall, in the chair, and DJ Badcock, M Oldfield, RC Stacey, BL Taylor, AJ White and KO Winters.

In attendance: None.

APOLOGIES

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs DA Adams-Payne.

1/09 TO ELECT PLAY AREA & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR 2009/10

1. It was proposed by Cllr M Oldfield, seconded by Cllr DJ Badcock and agreed unanimously.

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr CE Hall as Chairman for 2009/10.

Cllr Hall accepted the position.

2/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **RESOLVED: The minutes of 5 March 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.**

3/09 PLAY AREAS – Update on current status

1. Little Downham (Mins.12/08.1)

1.1 Play Area Railings - The railings and gates were completed in April and funding from ECDC (Section 106) been received. Play area signs were fixed to the railings at the end of May and vandalised on 23 June. This was captured on CCTV and has been reported to the police, who have viewed the footage.

1.2 CCTV – The new cameras are fully installed and record in colour.

1.3 Spectator Shelter – This has not been repainted. It was recently reported that someone had set fire to the litter bin. The handyman has reported that there is never any litter in the bin only dog poo bags.

1.4 All Weather Court – The handyman has been repairing the fence and patching it with lengths retained from the old play area fencing; unfortunately, one roll went missing. The mystery was solved a few days later by CCTV footage showing that Cllr Hall had dropped the roll off at the AWC for the handyman at 7.15am but inadvertently placed it between the gate and the litter bin. 15 minutes later Veolia arrived to empty the bins. It was picked up and thrown in the back of the truck. To reduce the misuse of the All Weather Court, the floodlight unit and gates have been fitted with new padlocks and a limited number of keys have been issued. People will have to obtain a key from Jan Holland to use the court. Children can hire the court free or at a reduced rate.

1.5 Youth Shelter – The Youth Survey was completed and accepted by ECDC. Permission has been given to obtain three quotes from suppliers based on the results of the survey. Copies need to be sent to ECDC. When ready to order, ECDC will issue a contract for the Council to sign as a formality and send an invoice for the funds. A large plaque has been provided to attach to the shelter (National Lottery) and a press release and photo shoot will be arranged by ECDC.

2. Pymoor (Mins.12/08.2)

2.1 Cradle Swings – The new seats and chains have been installed.

2.2 Play Area Drainage – No drainage work has been done on the recreation ground. The Play area continues to be monitored.

2.3 Spring mobile – These are still on the handyman's job list to do.

2.4 Fence adjacent to Pymoor Recreation Field – It was reported that the fence is in a bad state of repair but not sure of ownership. Cllr Taylor will consult members of the Social Club.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

Signed(Chairman) Date