

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, 5 November 2009 commencing at 7.00pm.**

**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:** Cllrs EW Hall, RS Martin and A White, Dist. Cllr T Goodge, Ross Chilvers & one parishioner.

**APOLOGIES**

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

**4/09 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **RESOLVED:** The minutes of 2 July 2009 were approved and signed as a true record.

**5/09 MATTERS TO REPORT**

1. **Play Area inspections** - have been ordered and should be carried out in the next few weeks.

2. **CCC Play Pathfinder Project** – After several hours of work by Cllrs Badcock, Adams-Payne, Oldfield and Stacey to obtain quotes and surveys for the Little Downham and Pymoor applications, Two Part As were submitted at the end of July. Unfortunately, Little Downham’s application was unsuccessful. Pymoor was successful in being awarded a conditional grant of £25,000. Cllr Stacey has subsequently carried out further detailed surveys with the 8 to 13 year age group and held several site meetings to obtain quotes for Part B to be submitted in mid October. A decision is expected any day.

3. **Anti-social behaviour in Lt Downham recreation area** - On 10 October and 24 October youths have been in little Downham play area and carpark drinking alcohol and smashing bottles. These incidents have been reported to the police and CCTV footage has been inspected.

4. **Pymoor Play Area Fence (Mins.3/09.2.4)** - The fence has been removed and the owners of 11 Pymoor Lane are to erect a post and wire fence.

**6/09 PLAY AREAS – Update on current status**

**1. Little Downham (Min.03/09.1)**

1.1 **Spectator Shelter** – This has not been repainted. The handyman is still expecting the Community Young Offenders to do the work.

1.2 **Youth Shelter** – Prior to requesting the quotes, ECDC informed that the grant funders (National Lottery) wanted a further survey carried out to establish that the bus style youth shelter chosen by the young people was their choice over a modern youth shelter. The new survey was carried out at the beginning of October and quotes are now being obtained.

**2. Pymoor (Mins.03/09.2)**

2.1 **Play Area Drainage** – Drainage has not been a problem recently but with the wetter weather approaching, the play area will continue to be monitored.

2.2 **Spring mobile** – The spring mobiles have been painted red and blue.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.15pm.

Signed .....(Chairman) Date .....