

**Stoke Mandeville Parish Council**

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**Minutes of the meeting of the LEISURE COMMITTEE held in the Community Centre, Eskdale Road, Stoke Mandeville on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr B Ezra [Chair], Cllr B Adams, Cllr J Hunt, Cllr D Starr, Cllr P Wood

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<b>L13/44</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Cllr Butler was absent.	
<b>L13/45</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest made.	
<b>L13/46</b>	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2013 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
<b>L13/47</b>	<b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> <b>a) Joint Meeting with SMVCA</b> The meeting between SMVCA and the Leisure committee was discussed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Refurbishment of gents and ladies toilets</li></ul> It was noted that it would not be possible to reclaim the VAT from the toilet refurbishment as it was not a PC project but one being carried out and funded by SMVCA. An outside, lockable, tap would be installed as part of the toilet refurbishment. The committee recognised the need to be mindful of the use of this facility by the PC and the need to contribute towards the water costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snow / Ice</li></ul> The Clerk would report back once advice obtained from Bucks CC regarding clearing public areas. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wi-Fi for hirers</li></ul> Cllr Hunt had asked whether it would be possible to provide wi-fi access for hirers of the centre, but was advised it would not be possible at this time due to the expanse of the building. The Parish Council's wi-fi could be used for Council meetings held in the Committee Room but the range did not extend to the Park Room. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SMVCA Grant Request</li></ul> SMVCA would be submitting a formal request for a grant from the Council for 2014-15, this would be in time for the PC meeting on 14 <sup>th</sup> January 2014. <b>b) Other Issues</b> The Clerk reported that a pane of safety glass in the front door had been broken the previous weekend. The glass had been replaced by RCF at a cost of £138.	
<b>L13/48</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND</b> <b>a) New Playground Equipment</b> It was noted that the new playground equipment which had been funded by s106 money from Church Court development had been installed. The ROSPA post installation safety inspection had been carried out and shown that there was a trip hazard at the new roundabout. The Clerk	

	<p>had contacted Playdale who installed the equipment and they had attended the following day and made the area safe.</p> <p>The invoices for the new equipment had been forwarded on to AVDC who had arranged for the s106 funds to be transferred to the Parish Council's bank account.</p> <p><b>b) Other issues</b></p> <p>Whilst installing the wet pour for the new roundabout, Playdale contractors had repaired the hole in the aerial runway surfacing at no extra charge.</p>	
<b>L13/49</b>	<p><b>QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD</b></p> <p>Cllr Starr reported that the water in the boundary ditch was moving very slowly and had debris in it. It was agreed that the postponed working party to clear the ditch be rearranged.</p>	
<b>L13/50</b>	<p><b>TENNIS COURTS</b></p> <p>It was noted that the fencing around the tennis court had now been repaired, the tension wire had been replaced and tightened and new ground anchors fitted.</p> <p>The new tennis net had frayed and had a large hole in it. The Clerk had contacted the supplier who had immediately sent a replacement net free of charge.</p> <p>Roger Haines would be clearing the moss from the tennis courts, the condition of the courts would be evaluated once this had been done and a decision on whether to go ahead with the cleaning would then be made.</p>	
<b>L13/51</b>	<p><b>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p>Cllr Starr would contact Sarah Rothwell at Community Chest regarding deadlines for grant applications in 2014. Cllr Hunt reported that there would be a funding fair held in February 2014.</p>	
<b>L13/52</b>	<p><b>S106 FUNDING FOR HAWKSLADE</b></p> <p>The Clerk had been in contact with Joe Houston (AVDC Leisure Services) regarding the s106 funding for Wiseman Close. Joe had been to look at the area behind Parslow and Sheridan Close and confirmed that this area would be suitable for a play ground. The land is owned by AVDC and therefore any proposal would need their permission. Joe confirmed that s106 funds could be used to provide a play area on this site, AVDC and the Parish Council would need to agree who would procure and maintain the play facility.</p> <p>It was AGREED to recommend that the Parish Council work with AVDC to provide a play facility for Hawkslade on this site. A meeting with Joe Houston would be arranged for January.</p>	
<b>L13/53</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b></p> <p>Nothing raised under this item.</p>	
<b>L13/54</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed .....

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2014