

**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 19<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

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L12/38	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> There were no apologies for absence.</p>	
L12/39	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
L12/40	<p><b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b> The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2012 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
L12/41	<p><b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It was noted that the window lock handles at the Centre had now been replaced and the invoice received.</li> <li>b) The Clerk reported that the door handle to the Council's store room was loose and the wood around did not appear to be in suitable condition to be able to repair the handle. The Clerk was asked to get some quotes for a replacement door.</li> <li>c) Cllr Starr reported that at the recent Funding Fair he attended, the Heritage Lottery Fund had funding available for sharing heritage which may be suitable for funding a museum of Stoke Mandeville to include artefacts from the old church site. It was agreed that the Community Centre was not the appropriate venue for this but would be considered should a suitable venue be found.</li> <li>d) A request had been received from Pollyanna Preschool, they would like to lease an area of the playing field immediately adjacent to the Community Centre in order to provide an outdoor play area for the children. It was agreed to meet with representatives of Pollyanna and SMVCA to get further information. Advice from Fields in Trust would also be sought.</li> </ul>	Clerk
L12/42	<p><b>PLAYING FIELD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) It was noted that the address for the Parish Council had now been updated with the Land Registry. The deed of dedication for the Queen Elizabeth II Fields had now been countersigned by Fields in Trust and returned. The Council was now required to complete forms to be submitted to the Land Registry to register the protection and restrictions of use.</li> <li>b) Play around the Parishes – it was noted that 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> August had been booked for Stoke Mandeville.</li> <li>c) The Committee discussed the possibility of removing the fencing from the middle of the playing field, it was agreed to leave in situ for present but may be reconsidered once advice was received on where to place the adult exercise equipment.</li> <li>d) A letter had been received from a parishioner complaining about dog mess on the field and along Eskdale Road. The Clerk would request more notices from AVDC which would be put up in areas affected.</li> <li>e) An event to commemorate the renaming and protection of the field was discussed and it was thought that it could be held as part of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was <b>agreed to recommend</b> to the Council that the Annual Parish Meeting is put back to May and an event organised.</li> </ul>	Clerk          Clerk

<b>L12/42</b>	<b>SKATE PARK</b> Bendcrete had inspected the damage to the grind box which was raised during the ROSPA inspection. It could be repaired by filling in with mortar or by fitting a piece of steel as with the other three sides. It was <b>agreed to recommend</b> to the Council that a piece of steel be fitted at a cost of c£500. The Clerk would obtain a formal quotation from Bendcrete.	
<b>L12/43</b>	<b>PLAYGROUND</b> a) Cllr Butler reported that Roblins had repaired the stopper for the gate at a cost of £174. The spring was also in need of repair and the supplier (Safe and Sound) had quoted £92 inclusive of fitting. It was <b>agreed to recommend</b> to the Council that this quote be accepted. b) Cllrs Starr, Adams and the Clerk reported on the advice given by AVDC regarding provision of new equipment in the playground. It was agreed that three quotes would be obtained for supply and fitting of a nest swing and roundabout with appropriate safety surfacing. c) The aerial runway surface had gaps around the edge and there appeared to be dips near the posts. The supplier had been to look and confirmed that the wetpour had a warranty of one year and could only be re-laid at a cost to the Council. After consideration it was agreed that it posed no immediate safety issues and would be monitored.	
<b>L12/44</b>	<b>TENNIS COURT</b> The Clerk reported that the trim along the bottom of the nets had detached in places. The Clerk was requested to obtain quotes for replacement nets as these were several years old.	
<b>L12/45</b>	<b>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT – 2012 OLYMPICS LEGACY</b> Cllr Starr reported that he had attended a funding fair the previous week and that the Council would need to demonstrate community support for the project. The working group was due to meet on 26 <sup>th</sup> February to progress the project.	
<b>L12/46</b>	<b>THEATRE IN THE VILLAGES</b> An invitation had been received to attend a promoters evening on 20 <sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Hunt would attend to represent the Parish Council and SMVCA would be advised of the date.	
<b>L12/47</b>	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> The date of the next Leisure Committee meeting would be Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2013 at 7.30pm.	

Signed .....

Dated: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2013