

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 18th June 2013 at 7.30pm

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

In the absence of the Clerk on leave, the meeting was clerked by Cllr J Hunt

The meeting had been preceded by a visit to the proposed site for the Outdoor Gym and footpath leading to Leisure facilities in that area.

L13/10	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN Cllr Ezra was unanimously elected as Chairman for 2013-14.	
L13/11	APOLOGIES There were no apologies for absence.	
L13/12	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were no declarations of interest made.	
L13/13	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23 rd April 2013 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.	
L13/14	TERMS OF REFERENCE A number of amendments were suggested, the Clerk would update the document with the changes and circulate to all committee members.	
L13/15	<p>PLAYGROUND</p> <p>a) ROSPA Inspection</p> <p>The ROSPA inspection report was discussed and the issues raised therein discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A contractor had been instructed to remove the damaged concrete bin from the playground area. • A quotation had been received to replace the damaged chain link fence with an extension to the bow top fencing up to the conifer trees. Safe and Sound had quoted £586 plus VAT for this work, to include supply and installation and the associated grounds works. The Committee AGREED TO RECOMMEND to the Parish Council that this work goes ahead. • The recommendation that a buffer be fitted to the gate was noted but the committee agreed that this was low priority and would be left as it is for now. • The damage to the basketball backboard was noted, it was agreed this was low priority and would be monitored. • It was AGREED that the Clerk would obtain a quotation for the damaged laminate to be repainted along with the springs on the springers and seesaw. • ROSPA had noted that the bearings in the Spica needed replacing. The Clerk had obtained a quote from Kompan which was £667.08 for supply and installation. The Committee requested that the Clerk obtain alternative quotes for this repair, Cllr Wood agreed to get a quote for a replacement Spica. • ROSPA had noted that the bolt on the aerial runway protruded and needed to be trimmed back. The Clerk had received a call the previous day from a concerned resident about the bolt end being sharp as their grandson had cut his hand. Mr Copley had fitted a cap nut on the bolt end the previous day to prevent any further accidents and the Committee asked that their thanks be passed on. • Two of the support legs for the junior swings were beginning to decay and ROSPA had 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk / PW</p>

	<p>recommended that the legs be replaced and the Council plan for the replacement of the item. The Clerk was requested to get three quotes for a new swing and to liaise with AVDC regarding use of s106 for this item.</p> <p>b) The Clerk reported that the trees along the border of the playground were in need of cutting back as the branches were close to the aerial runway. It was AGREED that a quote be obtained for this work.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13/16	<p>COMMUNITY CENTRE</p> <p>The notes of the joint meeting with SMVCA were noted.</p> <p>There had been no further correspondence from Pollyanna Preschool regarding leasing an area of land adjacent to the centre.</p>	
13/17	<p>QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD</p> <p>The options to replace the concrete bins on the field were discussed. Wybone supply an 84litre polythene bin at £78.21 or a glass fibre bin for £360.89. The committee considered the polythene bin the preferred option but requested that the Clerk investigated who had supplied the other plastic litter bins in the parish before the final decision is made.</p> <p>It was noted that the boundary fence between the field and the houses on Eskdale Road would be painted and the new benches installed later that week.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13/18	<p>TENNIS COURTS</p> <p>It was noted that the damaged net had now been replaced. The other new net would be stored into the store room at the Community Centre until it was needed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she hoped to obtain quotes to repair the fencing for the Parish Council meeting on 9th July. It was noted that children were still playing football against the tennis court fence and Cllr Hunt suggested that the Council look at other facilities to discourage this such as street snooker. The Clerk would find further information on this and report back.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13/19	<p>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</p> <p>Cllr Starr reported that the bid had been submitted to Sport England within the deadline and that the outcome would be known by 31st July. It was agreed that should the bid be unsuccessful, the council would investigate other sources of funding.</p> <p>Cllr Starr further reported that Fresh Air Fitness had advised there would be a 5% increase to their prices from 1st August.</p>	
13/20	<p>HAWKSLADE PLAY FACILITIES</p> <p>Hawkslade Cllrs Wood, Starr and Adams would meet in order to identify potential sites for a playground on Hawkslade, which would be funded by the s106 money from the Wiseman Close development. District Councillor Steve Kennell had also been in contact with the Parish Council regarding these funds and would be invited.</p>	
13/21	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 3rd September 2013 at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed

Dated: 3rd September 2013