

**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 29<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 7.30pm**

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

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L13/32	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Hunt and Cllr Butler.</p>	
L13/33	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> There were no declarations of interest made.</p>	
L13/34	<p><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.</p>	
L13/35	<p><b>COMMUNITY CENTRE</b> It was noted that there would be a meeting of the Leisure Committee and members of Stoke Mandeville Village Community Association on 12<sup>th</sup> December. Agenda items were discussed and the Clerk would produce an agenda from these and any requests from SMVCA.</p>	Clerk
L13/36	<p><b>PLAYGROUND</b></p> <p><b>a) S106 funds</b> The Clerk reported that Playdale would be on site to install the new play equipment being provided by s106 funds in week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>b) Repairs to play equipment</b> The Clerk reported that Safe and Sound had replaced the worn ropes on the junior multi-play and put new bearings in the Spica the previous week.</p> <p><b>c) Maintenance Issues – wet pour</b> A letter had been sent to Kompan following the last meeting and they had restated their position that the wet pour had a one year warranty which had expired as the surface was installed in 2008 and that any repairs would be chargeable. A quote had been provided for the repairs. It was agreed to monitor for any further deterioration and that replacement surfacing would need to be investigated. As previously reported there is a small hole in the wet pour which needed repairing. Safe and Sound had quoted £50 to repair this and in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, the Clerk had instructed Safe and Sound to carry out the repair as soon as the weather permitted.</p>	
L13/37	<p><b>QUEEN ELIZABETH II FIELD</b></p> <p><b>a) Application to rent the field for an event on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b> An application had been made to rent the field for a “Picnic in the Park” with live music on 6<sup>th</sup> July. The applicant had been provided with the new policy and fees and put in a formal application. It was unanimously <b>AGREED</b> to let the field to A P Productions at a cost of £250 for the day plus £1,000 deposit in line with the policy and fee structure agreed by the Parish Council. It was further agreed to stress the need to notify residents of the times that sound checks and live music would take place and to request that sound checks are not carried out before 11am as it is a Sunday. It was <b>agreed</b> to recommend that Mr Haines be asked to litter pick before the event.</p> <p><b>b) Litter Bins</b> It was noted that the new litter bins for the field had been delivered and would be installed</p>	Clerk

	<p>week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><b>c) Review of the grass cutting service provided during 2013-14</b> The standard of grass cutting was discussed and it was agreed that there had not been any problems or issues with the grass cutting service this year.</p> <p><b>d) Any other issues</b> No new issues were raised, although it was noted there is still a problem with people not clearing up after their dogs.</p>	
<b>L13/38</b>	<p><b>TENNIS COURTS</b></p> <p>A tennis court company had been asked to quote to repair the fencing where it had been damaged, the company had advised that the damaged fencing be replaced rather than repaired at a cost of £1,060 (to include new ground anchors). This cost was felt to be too high and the Clerk would ask a local tradesman to quote to repair the tension cable and fit new ground anchors.</p> <p>The tennis court company had also recommended that the council arrange for the courts to be high pressure washed and moss treated to prevent the surface breaking up. The committee <b>AGREED to</b> recommend that the Council undertake this maintenance and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the Council to consider.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<b>L13/39</b>	<p><b>ADULT EXERCISE EQUIPMENT</b></p> <p>Following the rejection for a grant from Sport England, the Council would need to look at alternative funding sources. Cllr Starr proposed that the project is done in two stages – phase one being the supply and installation of the equipment and safety surface, phase two would be the installation of the pathway to improve access to the gym equipment and other facilities at the field. The committee <b>agreed</b> to this proposal and would recommend to the parish council that this be pursued. Cllr Starr would contact Community Chest to establish funding application deadlines.</p>	DS
<b>L13/40</b>	<p><b>HAWKSLADE PLAY FACILITIES</b></p> <p>Cllrs Wood and Hunt had identified two potential sites for a playground on Hawkslade. The Clerk reported that both pieces of land belonged to AVDC. Advice had been sought from AVDC Leisure Services who advised that both areas had been considered in the past but deemed unsuitable. However, Joe Houston (AVDC Leisure Services) had further advised that the application for houses off Isis Close (12/01394/AOP) included provision for a play area for 2-12 year olds which would negate the need for additional play facilities in the area.</p> <p>The Council would need to consider other uses for the s106 funds for Wiseman Close (£112,004) which need to be spent before September 2022. It was agreed that Hawkslade residents should be consulted on their views for use of the money.</p>	
<b>L13/41</b>	<p><b>MEETING DATES FOR 2014</b></p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Leisure Committee would meet on the following dates during 2014: 18 February, 29 April, 24 June, 2 September, 21 October and 16 December.</p>	
<b>L13/42</b>	<p><b>ANY OTHER ISSUES (FOR INFORMATION)</b></p> <p>Cllr Adams reported that the Mandeville School had started the planting around the perimeter of the field to provide screening of the sports facilities from neighbouring properties.</p>	
<b>L13/43</b>	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting would be Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.30pm.</p>	

Signed .....

Dated: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013