

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, 3 July 2008 commencing at 7.00pm.

Committee Members present: Cllrs CE Hall, in the chair, and DA Adams-Payne, M Oldfield, BL Taylor and KO Winters.

In attendance: Cllrs EW Hall, RS Martin and DJ Badcock.

1/08 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs CM Frankland and RC Stacey, Dist. Cllrs A Bailey, T Goodge and County Cllr P Read

2/08 TO ELECT PLAY AREA & RECREATION COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN FOR 2008/09

1. It was proposed by Cllr M Oldfield, seconded by Cllr BL Taylor.

RESOLVED: To elect Cllr CE Hall as Chairman for 2008/09.

3/08 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

1. **RESOLVED:** The minutes of 6 March 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.

4/08 MATTERS TO REPORT

1. **(Min.13/07.1) Wicksteed Leisure Ltd** - Some new items are on order for the new handyman, Keith Norton, to use. Annual inspections with Wicksteed Leisure Ltd have been approved by the Council and are hoped to be carried out during July.

5/08 PLAY AREAS – Update on current status

1. Little Downham

1.1 **New replacement parts** from Wicksteed have been received and are available for the Handyman to install or replace.

1.2 **Play Area Fence & CCTV** – Confirmation is still awaited from ECDC regarding the quotation approved for play area fence and CCTV equipment and funds to be received from the developer.

1.3 **Annual Inspections** will be arranged when the Handyman has started on the painting of the play equipment.

1.4 **New Basketball Post** – It is believed that this has been installed by Lithuanians from Littleport. The Clerk has no contact details of anyone related to this item. Mr A Payne has assessed the post on a risk assessment basis and confirms its stability.

RESOLVED: To recommend that the Parish Council takes on the responsibility and include it in the Council's insurance cover.

1.5 **Safety Surfacing** – The Clerk confirmed that funding will be available from the development on Main Street on or before occupation of fifty percent of the dwellings permitted by the Planning Permission. As yet no date is known when the development will begin.

1.6 **Spectator Shelter** – The Handyman has received an offer of re-painting by Community Young Offenders. The Council will be required to provide the paint and brushes, which will be funded from the Council's Recreation Area budget. The Committee thought this was a good opportunity not to miss.

RESOLVED: On behalf of the Council, to accept the offer of Community Young Offenders to re-paint the Spectator Shelter.

2. Pymoor

2.1 **Painting of Equipment** – The Handyman will paint equipment in Pymoor Play Area before starting on Lt Downham.

2.2 **Safety Surfacing** – The Clerk will make enquiries of any grant funding available for Pymoor Play Area. The safety tiles are not in a good condition and wet pour surfacing would reduce the shrinkage problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.