

# **Minutes of the 193rd. meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee**

**12 January 2015**

The meeting began at 7.30 p.m.in the village institute.

Present – Peter Brunning, Robert Chesham, Louise Patten, Charlotte Adams, David Hefford. Derek Patten and Dennis Tiplady arrived at 8.30.

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Kirsty Batom, Paul Pritchard, Sally Smith

**2. Minutes of the Last Meeting.** Agreed

**3. Matters Arising.** None other than those covered below

**4. Proposed Changes to the Constitution (actually changes to the Financial Regulations as confirmed by PP) to comply with current Guidelines**

This has been ongoing since 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014. **Action P.P.**

**5. Treasurer's Report**

It was agreed that in the absence of Paul Pritchard that there was nothing that needed to be raised for discussion.

**6. Children's Play Area**

6.1. PB confirmed that the swing chains should arrive on the 12<sup>th</sup> January, they would be stainless steel and make the swing slightly higher. All chains will be replaced on the junior swing.

6.2. There was a discussion about the plaque that is required to be placed on or around the new play equipment as part of the qualification for a grant. It was agreed that the preferred option would be to attach an adhesive backed plaque to the side of one of the items of equipment and that the cost of this would be circa £35.

**7. Multi-Sport Area**

It was noted that volunteers from Medimmune had cleared the waste and then PB had power washed the tarmac surface. This revealed the original markings much more clearly. It was agreed that the re-marking whould now be undertaken with a new basketball key as part of this process. PB agreed to chase Guy Underwood.

**8. Ground Condition.**

8.1 The ground condition was noted as ok although some remedial work is required at the end of the bridge.

8.2 It was agreed that Linton/Abington Aztecs would be allowed to play on the recreation ground and that a small pitch should be marked out away from the main football pitch. The maintenance of this would be the responsibility of Aztecs and it would also be able to be used by the children from Abington School. The charge for the use of the ground would be £10 for each time it was used.

### **9. Future Purchases**

The acquisition of a table tennis table was discussed and it was noted that the table produced by park Leisure was the preferred option which is around £3,000 fitted. Delivery date of mid June was the preferred option as the ground should be hard by then. Possible sources of funding were discussed and included; S106 and the Community Chest. The protection of the ground around the table was discussed and various options considered including matting and sand. The option of a concrete base was discarded as too expensive and unforgiving.

The zip wire idea was deferred to a future date as there are safety and siting issues which need to be considered carefully.

### **10. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 9th March 2015, 7.30 p.m. in the village institute

The meeting closed at 9.00p.m.