

# **Minutes of the 194th. meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee**

**9March 2015**

The meeting began at 7.35 p.m.in the village institute.

Present – Peter Brunning, Robert Chesham, Derek Patten and Sally Smith.

Charlotte Adams left details for quotes she had received for various items of equipment, but was unable to stay for the meeting

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Kirsty Battom, Charlotte Adam and Paul Pritchard who had sent a summary of the financial statement

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

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

## **4. Treasurer's Report**

4.1. The accounts showed a balance of £428.91 in the treasurer's account and £16,385.43 in the deposit account. The bill of £1,644 for reinforcement grass matting had not been paid. A cheque for this was written at the meeting.

4.2. S.S. reported that she had received an e-mail in January from Whoopsy Daisy, dog waste remover, stating that he had not been paid for three month. S.S. gave him the treasurer's contact details and as she has heard nothing more, it can be assumed that the issue had been resolved. P.B. checked the account and said that the standing order appeared to have been paid regularly.

4.3. S.S. has received a letter from our external auditors stating that new legislation means that external auditing of our account will no longer be compulsory from the financial year April2015 - 2016 .It was agreed to discuss the issue of future audits with the parish councils.

Louise Patten joined the meeting

## **5. Children's Play Area**

5.1. The worn chains in the larger swings have been replaced. However this has made the seats higher and some of the younger children are having difficulty in using them. P.B. said that he could lengthen the chains to correct this **Action P.B.**

5.2. A plaque acknowledging the grant towards the new play equipment has been ordered. R.C. suggested ordering two of these so that we have a spare one for future use.

## **6. Multi-Sport**

6.1. The area has been cleaned and looks in good condition. A board at the edge of the court needs replacing. D.P. volunteered to do this **Action D.P.**

6.2. It was agreed to discuss with the school if basketball markings and hoops would be useful, L.P. said that the man who has previously marked the court does not want to do this at present, and she will make enquiries about using another firm. **Action P.B. and L.P.**

## **7. Ground Condition.**

7.1 .The muddy area by the bridge has had matting installed to improve the condition of this area.

7.2. The condition of the ground has been affected by rabbits. L.P. volunteered to contact the contractor who has dealt with this problem in the Churchyard. **Action L.P.**

8.3. Many areas of the ground need strimming and spraying with weed killer. R.C. agreed to contact someone to do this. **Action R.C.**

## **8. Future Purchases**

8.1. C.A. left a quote for the installation of an outdoor table tennis table and is researching possible grants towards the cost of this. The total cost including matting is £5,445. **Action C.A.**

8.2The committee has received an e-mail from a young lad from the village asking if it would be possible to install a skate park on the ground. The boy was invited to attend the meeting, but was apparently unable to do so and no further communication from him has been received. The committee is willing to consider this item of equipment if there is evidence of a wider interest in the village. S.S. will put an item in the village magazine requesting feedback from anyone interested in using a skate park **Action S.S.**

8.3. It was agreed to order two picnic benches for the ground.

## **9. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 5th.May 2015, 7.00 p.m. on the recreation ground**

The meeting closed at 9.10p.m.