

# **Minutes of the 197th. meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee**

## **5 October 2015**

Present – Peter Brunning, Robert Chesham, Liz Sainsbury, Derek Patten, Louise Patten, Julia Gunning and Sally Smith.

**1. Apologies for Absence.** Paul Pritchard and Charlotte Adam

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

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

**4. Invitation to Katie Mannion to join the Committee .**

Katie Mannion has offered to join the committee to help C.A. with acquiring equipment and applying for grants. As C.A. was not able to attend the meeting, it was decided to confirm with her about this before an invitation would be sent to Katie Mannion to attend the next meeting

**5. Treasurer's Report**

5.1. At the time of the meeting the committee had £500 in the cheque account and £11,000 in the deposit account. We were awaiting the invoice for the table tennis table

5.2. It was agreed to request the same precept as last year from the parish councils.

**6. Request from Parish Councils to Draw up Risk Assessment Statement and Update Constitution**

L.S. and L.P. agreed to work on the risk assessment document and S.S. will review the constitution. **Action L.P., L.S. and S.S.**

**7. Children's Play Area**

7.1 The fireman's pole has been repaired

7.2. The possibility of using wood chippings as ground cover in this area was discussed, but it was said that in the past this had led to flooding. L.S. said she would investigate the cost of synthetic materials for this. **Action L.S.**

**8. Multi- sport Area**

**8.1.** D.P. has replaced the worn boarding at the edge of the court.

**8.2.** The trees that are in the school grounds have become over-grown, meaning that they are obstructing the top of the basketball hoop and also that debris is collecting on the court making it slippery. This problem needs to be resolved before the white lines can be re-painted. S.S. was asked to write the school headmaster requesting that this is done.

**Action S.S.**

**9. Ground Condition**

**9.1.** The nettles and other weeds need strimming. R.C. is having problems in finding a contractor to do this, but said he would contact CGM again. It was agreed to allocate up to £250 .00 for this. **Action R.C.**

- 9.2.** The rabbit problem will be dealt with after the nettles have been cut back
- 9.3.** The area around the goal posts is becoming worn. S.S. agreed to contact D.P. to see if this could be solved by aligning the pitch in a slightly different position. **Action S.S.**
- 9.4.** The combination on the storage container has been changed, meaning that many people are now unable to unlock it. P.B. said he would find out what the new combination is. **Action P.B.**
- 9.5.** One ash tree might need attention.
- 9.6.** Bulbs commemorating the W.I. centenary have been planted along the western border of the ground.
- 9.7.** The picnic tables and the table tennis table are in use and the youth shelter will be delivered soon. The committee agreed to meet on the ground to mark out the location of the concrete base
- 9.8.** It was thought that a further litter bin near the river would be useful.
- 9.9.** Dog waste is being put into the general litter bins. S.S. will put an item in the village magazine, requesting dog owners not to do this **Action S.S.**

**10. Any other business – none**

**11. Date of Next Meeting** December 7 2015