

# **Minutes of the 198th. meeting of the Abington Recreation Ground Committee**

## **7December 2015**

Present – Peter Brunning Katie Mannion, Louise Patten, Robert Chesham Paul Pritchard, Dennis Tiplady and Sally Smith

**1. Introduction of Katie Mannion.** KM. was welcomed to the committee

**2. Apologies for Absence** Julia Gunning, Liz Sainsbury and Derek Patten

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

**4. Matters Arising** None

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

5.1. The financial statement was presented at the meeting (attached to minutes) it was noted that the precept from Great Abington parish Council has not been received. It was thought that this was because the clerk has been having major problems accessing her e-mails. S.S. said she would contact the clerk in person. **Action S.S.**

5.2. P.P. has e-mailed a copy of the proposed new financial regulations, which are the same as those currently recommended for parish councils. Committee members will read this and will suggest any amendments at the next meeting.

### **6. Risk Assessment Statement**

L.S. and L.P. have begun work on a risk assessment statement, suggesting a visual inspection once a week, with a more detailed examination once a month. They will now look more closely at the individual items with regard to this. It was noted that the fencing needs to be included in the study. **Action L.P. and L.S.**

### **7. Update of the Constitution**

S.S. has updated this. Several small alterations were suggested and will be included in the final document. This will then be shown to the parish councils at their January meetings. **Action S.S.**

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

8.1. There could be problems with cutting the grass in this area as a larger mower is now being used. It was suggested that this could be solved by replacing the gate into the area with a larger one. C.A. will find out the likely cost of this. **Action C.A.**

### **9. Multi- sport Area**

9.1. The trees overhanging the court have been cut back

9.2. Following a request from the school, the hole in the fence next to the school has been repaired

## **10. Ground Condition**

10.1. R.C. has found a contractor who has trimmed the weeds and nettles. It was noted that no bill for this has been received. R. C. will contact the operator about this and also with regard to pruning some of the trees. **Action R.C.**

10.2. The goal posts have been turned round to allow the worn grass in this area to recover.

10.3 The lock on the storage container has been replaced as the first one had been lost.

10.4. A new litter bin has been placed near the river.

## **11. New Equipment**

11.1. The youth shelter has been installed

11.2. The skate park was discussed. There are difficulties both with the cost of this and also with finding a suitable position for it. Some committee members thought that comparatively few children would actually use this. It was agreed that we would not attempt to purchase this piece of equipment in the immediate future.

## **12. Any Other Business**

12.1. L.P. asked about finance for dealing with rabbit holes on the ground. It was agreed that she would contact the treasurer when she has an estimate for this work

12.2. P.B. confirmed that there had been no further communication with the school with regard to their request for a small piece of the ground for use as a woodland area. Several committee members commented that this had become difficult to agree as the part of the ground they wish to use holds the storage container and, for several reasons, it would be difficult to relocate this.

**Date of Next Meeting** February 29 2016