

## CUMNOR PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES of a meeting of the  
RECREATION & PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE  
held on TUESDAY 9 OCTOBER 2018  
at Fogwell Road Pavilion, Dean Court**

**Present:** Judy Roberts, Chairman, Pam Fraser, Gerald Frost (Council Chairman), Alison Jenner and Tina Brock, Clerk.

**33/18 Apologies for absence.** Bryan Goudman (unwell) and Julia Richardson (prior commitment). These apologies were received.

**34/18 Variance of Order of Business.** None.

**35/18 Declarations of Interest.** None.

**36/18 Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12 June 2018.** The Committee RESOLVED to approve the minutes which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**37/18 Matters Arising from the Minutes of Tuesday 12 June 2018.**

**Minute 08/18ii** Closes field timber trail the rotten timber has been replaced.

**Minute 08/18iii** MRH Services is due to FIT tiles to the bottom of the mound slide now that the ground had dried and was hard enough to drive a vehicle on.

**Minute 09/18ii** Lighting had not been fitted to the entrance gate at Fogwell Field. To illuminate the area the easiest and cost effective way was to have a separate switch that would turn the floodlights on for a certain time. BB&GFC are concerned that as the lights have to cool down for approximately 20 minutes that this would cause a problem if the lights had been turned on and then the FC needed to use them. Andrew Berry looked to see if a light could be run from the security light but this would mean that a trench would need to be dug to the gate. The cheapest solution would be to cut the trees lower by the gate and possibly install fencing to make it more secure.

**Minute 10/18** Pinnocks Way security lighting had been installed on the rear wall of Dean Court Community Centre.

**Minute 13/18v** It was agreed at a July Council meeting (minute 254/18) not to make the drainage holes bigger of the new inclusive dish at Meadow Close Play Park as this would invalidate the warranty for the surface finish and the integrity of the steel.

**Minute 13/18vi** Proludic had replaced the arm sections to the High Pulley and Bench Press at Mayfield Play Park in June 2018. MRH Services has raised concerns that there was still movement in the part and this was being monitored.

**38/18 Public Participation.** None in attendance.

**39/18 Annual Budget 2018/19** was noted. The Committee noted that:

Glebe Road Play Park. The wood of the Mound ramp was rotten and needed replacing, a verbal quote of £560 had been received from MRH Services. Children and parents are struggling to turn the roundabout and this will need to be removed to investigate the problem. A verbal quote of £300 had been received from MRH Services. The surface area around the trampoline and roundabout had dropped causing trip hazard a quote had been requested to level the area. A request for steps the road side of the stile had been requested and a quote had been requested.

**40/18 Budget 2019/2020.** Council approved the increase of cost and frequency of the grounds contract with Ady Podbery Grounds Care at its meeting on Monday 1 October 2018 (minute 359/18). The costs had been entered into the budget 2019/2020 and the Committee RESOLVED to request a budget of £26,500 which was the same as 2018/2019.

**41/18 MRH Services Inspection Report.** The Committee noted that all actions necessary had been carried out or quotes had been requested.

**42/18 Recreation & Playing Fields.** Oral reports from site monitors:

- i. The Glebe. Matting on Mound slide was exposed, Turbano drum lid missing and another broken base. All repairs were in hand.
- ii. Closes Field. Nothing to report.
- iii. Pinnocks Way. Nothing to report.

- iv. Fogwell Road Field and BMX track. Wooden fence rail around car park had rotted. A quote was being sourced.
- v. Meadow Close. Nothing to report
- vi. Mayfield Road. A resident made a complaint about the condition of the field and the attitude of the groundsman when he spoke to him about it. Ady Podbery Grounds Care was informed of the complaint and reported to Council that he had informed his operative that in future any complaint made should be directed to the Clerk. He apologised for any upset caused and assured Council that this would not happen again. Council accepted that the complaint had been dealt with adequately and that the matter was now resolved. A letter was sent to the resident informing him of the result of the investigation and addressing the complaints made about the condition of the field. The cracks in the field are due to the particularly dry weather experienced over several months. A notice had been placed on the noticeboard informing residents that top soil would be put in the large cracks but that this was a temporary solution as a substantial amount of rain was needed before the cracks would swell and reduce and in the meantime to be careful. At no time has the field been maintained as a football pitch, Council does not maintain any parks to the standard of a football pitch as this maintenance is carried out by the local football clubs who operate at Closes and Fogwell Field Play Parks. *(Clerk's Note: the lease between Council and Thames Water Utilities Ltd, Second Schedule, Obligations of the Council number 8 states 'To use the demised premises only for the purposes of a recreation field and a children's playground only.)*

**43/18 Closes Pavilion.**

- i. Closes Pavilion. Nothing to report.
- ii. Cumnor Minors Football Club. Nothing to report.

**44/18 Fogwell Pavilion.** Judy Roberts reported.

- i. Fogwell Road Pavilion. The hand drier in the disabled w/c was working and the gas cooker had been removed for health and safety reasons and would be replaced with an electric cooker.
- ii. Botley Boys and Girls Football Club. The club has 17 teams but had recently lost the U18's. The football clubs were sharing players and communicating well.

**45/18 Items for Discussion at the next Committee Meeting.**

- i. New Timber Trail at Closes Field Play Park.
- ii. All the above.

**46/18 Dates of Future Meetings.** The next meeting of the **Recreation and Playing Fields Committee** would take place at **7.30pm on Tuesday 19 February 2019 2018** in **The Fogwell Road Pavilion, Fogwell Road, Dean Court, Oxford.**

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed .....

Dated.....2018