

**Minutes of Histon & Impington Parish Council Recreation Committee
Recreation Ground Community Room, New Road, Impington
Monday, 26 January 2015 at 7.30pm**

Recreation Committee Minutes

Membership: 7 + 2 ex-officio, 4 User-Representatives

Quorum: 3 Parish Councillors

Agenda No:	Present: Cllrs: Neil Davies (Chairman), Marian Cleaver, Brian Ing, Steve Campin (Groundsman), Lynda Marsh (Clerk), Angela Young (Parish Clerk) Also: Mr Dudley (Tennis Club), Mr Franklin (Bowls Club), Mr Peck (Cricket Club) Member of Public: Martin Crook (also Histon Hornet representative)
R14/070	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Jenkins, Payne and Stonham; Mr Bradshaw (Histon Hornets)
R14/071	MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declaration of pecuniary interest from Councillors for items on the agenda. Cllr Davies declared non-pecuniary as a HH Manager (item 14/079)
R14/072	TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 24 NOVEMBER 2014 Proposed Cllr Cleaver, seconded Cllr Ing and agreed to accept as a true record of the meeting.
R14/073	MATTERS ARISING <u>Actions List</u> copied to all (Appx. 1) 14/48.1 Cricket Club had agreed to record all incidents of stray cricket balls, Mr Peck would provide generic form; copies to be kept in score hut. Following resignation from Council, it was noted that Mr Andrews may be able to offer health and safety advice. 14/061 Tree Works. Further tree works order to be submitted. Cllr Nudds had provided a suggested planting scheme; Cllr Davies to meet with Cllr Nudds.
R14/074	CLUB MATTERS Cricket Club. Planning Committee Clerk awaiting response from SCDC as to whether permission required for replacement nets. Histon Hornets. HFC had declined request for catering van to be sited on their ground. Club to make further approach to club.
R14/075	PLAY AREA REPORT Report copied to all (Appx 2) Second quote received for repairs to tractor slide, Site & Maintenance £720.00+vat; Borley Brothers £885.00+vat. Proposed Cllr Cleaver, seconded Cllr Ing and agreed to accept Site & Maintenance quote. Thanks expressed to Mr Smith's proactive work in undertaking various repairs at recreation ground, Clerk to write.
R14/076	GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT Report copied to all (Appx 3) Additional grasscrete required. Noted amount of fixtures hosted although ground conditions wet. Signage – see Clerk's report.
R14/077	CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE Clerk's report copied to all (Appx. 4) ➤ Items covered: Hallway and community room decorated over Christmas; Mr Smith to carry out repairs to bowls fence. £500 donation received from Friends H&IR ➤ Signage. Quotes received. Draft designs supplied, various suggestions on amended wording and position of signs acknowledging that any signs needed to be in prominent positions. Proposed Cllr Ing and agreed to delegate to Clerk and Groundsman to progress with budget up to £1,000, noting virement may be required.
R14/078	FINANCE REPORT Report copied to all (Appx. 5). It was noted that virement may be required for any items recently identified and costs not yet known. To be reported to FLA Committee.

R14/079	<p>PERIMETER FENCE (<i>This item was taken after Matters Arising</i>)</p> <p><i>Agreed to suspend standing orders to allow Mr Crook to take part in discussions.</i></p> <p>Report copied to all (Appx. 6) and had been produced to look at all aspects of the perimeter fence including a recent unfortunate injury incident. Cllr Davies felt the Committee and Council had faced a difficult set of circumstances not faced before and immediate issues had been addressed before Christmas. Since then process had been followed as detailed in the report and three options set out for the Committee to consider and reach a conclusion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note report and confirm action already initiated 2. Refer report for acceptance by full Parish Council at their meeting on 16 February 3. Request Committee Chairman together with the Recreation Ground Manager and Groundsman to obtain information / costings on capping options for top of lower height fence <p>Discussion followed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fence designed as 'anti-climb' ➤ Professional reports advising 'low risk' and not requiring modification ➤ Specification had been circulated and agreed ➤ Additional yellow gates installed and consideration given to capping all fence with exception of Fieldstead Road to indicate goodwill and to cover undesirable access along boundary with CGBusway. Noted additional works required to improve effectiveness of rabbit netting ➤ Three quotes obtained for identical specification; no issues raised regarding suitability of spec by fencing contractors <p>Chairman invited stand-in HH representative to comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Histon Hornets had been in contact with family of football player. The Parish Council had sent good wishes instead via opposing Team Manager following advice from insurers ➤ Indication that 1.2m fence had been climbed, not 1.8m as stated in the report ➤ Unpredictability of young people's actions ➤ Need for large signage to indicate fence not to be climbed and gates to be highlighted – noted these issues were in hand ➤ Various site visits had been made since the incident and differing opinions offered regarding fence installation <p><i>Standing Orders re-instated</i></p> <p>Cllr Davies proposed an amendment to option 3: <i>'Request Committee Chairman together with the Recreation Ground Manager and Groundsman to obtain information / costings on capping options for top of fence with the exception of Fieldstead Road and to peruse with vigour and urgency appropriate signage'</i>. Proposed Cllr Davies, seconded Cllr Ing and agreed; 3 co-opted members abstained. HH stand-in representative confirmed that this course of action would satisfy Histon Hornets.</p>
R14/080	<p>RECREATION GROUND DEVELOPMENT PLAN</p> <p>Report copied to all (Appx. 7)</p> <p>Cllr Davies stated that this was a 'rolling' document and any Parish Council decision on precept level would be a factor on how any capital projects would proceed.</p>
R14/081	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>Proposed Monday, 23 March 2015 at 7.30pm</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.35pm</p>