



CUXTON PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee held in the Pavilion, Recreation Ground, Bush Road, Cuxton on Thursday, 16 January 2014 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Saksida (Chair), Cllr Chitty, Cllr K Hutchfield, Cllr R Hutchfield, Cllr E Maisey, Cllr Sayer, Mr N Curtis (Clerk).

**Allocated
and
Due Date**

43) Apologies for Absence:

- a) None

44) Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary interest:

- a) None

45) Members Information Exchange:

- a) None

46) Annual Play Equipment Inspection:

- a) Members received the annual Play Equipment Inspection Report:
- b) Members discussed the maintenance issues identified in the report.

i)The Clerk advised members that:

- (1) He was seeking quotes to extend the run off area at the top of the playground entrance path and to replace the entrance gate.
- (2) Previous attempts to repair the self-closer mechanism had failed and given the weight of the gate any effective self-closer could represent a crushing injury risk if fingers were caught between the closing gate and the gate post. The Clerk advised members that the function of the gate was not to prevent young children straying but was to allow pedestrian access whilst preventing animal access and fouling. Cllr R Hutchfield advised members that he had a self-closer mechanism that might be suitable and that he would fit it on behalf of CSRA over Easter.
- (3) The exposed youth shelter concrete bases would be covered using spoil produced when the path run off area is extended.
- (4) The swing chain covers are designed to prevent limbs or necks becoming entangled so rather than cut them back he would be looking to replace the damaged covers.
- (5) The cutting back of bushes on the BMX track had already been addressed by CSRA.

**Cllr R
Hutchfield
Easter**

47) Daily Play Equipment Inspections:

- a) The Clerk presented the daily Play Equipment Inspection Report for December 2014 to members.
- b) Members discussed the issues identified in the report.
 - i) The Clerk advised members that:
 - (1) Total Property had been instructed to treat areas of moss and algae on safety surfacing. Craigdene had recommended Jeyes Fluid
 - (2) Total property had been instructed to repair the playground entrance path. There was a small dip, causing a trip hazard, resulting from a failed old repair.
 - (3) The Wheel of Cuxton bonfire site had not been cleaned adequately following the last firework display. Large quantities of sharp rusty metal and gang nail plates littered the site. A local company recommended by Medway Council Green Spaces Department had tried to clear the site by scraping the top 25mm. However this had failed as the site was found to be saturated to a depth of 250mm with rusty nails. Given the recent wet conditions the ground would not currently support the weight of the plant necessary to clear the site to that depth. The contamination would preclude the use of vehicle with pneumatic tyres due to the puncture risk and thus tracked vehicle would be necessary which would increase the damage to the waterlogged ground. It was therefore proposed to temporarily fence off the area until ground conditions improved. The cost so far was in the region of £1200-£1300.

48) Recreation Ground Events Sub-Committee: - Members Item Cllr Sayer

- a) Members approved the establishment of, and terms of reference for, a Recreation Ground Events Sub-Committee.
- b) Members appointed Cllr Sayer, Cllr K Hutchfield, Cllr E Maisey and Cllr R Maisey as the four sub-committee members

49) Big Lunch 2014:

- a) Members set 1st June 2014 as the date for the 2014 Big Lunch
- b) Members delegated the management and development of the 2014 Big Lunch to the Recreation Ground Events Sub Committee

50) Adjourn meeting for public session:

51) Resume Meeting:

Meeting Closed at 8.37 pm

Chairman.....