

**MINUTES OF LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 21st AUGUST
2018 AT 7.00 PM AT MILLFIELDS, MILL WAY, NEEDINGWORTH**

PRESENT:

Cllr C Pearce
Cllr S Mortlock (Chairman)
Cllr R Fountain
Cllr L Macrae
Cllr C Norman
Cllr S Martin
Cllr A Whyte
Cllr E MacPherson

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public

9. To Receive Apologies for Absence.

None

10. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2018.

Resolved: That the minutes be signed as a true and correct record. (Prop Cllr Macrae 2nd Cllr Pearce) All in favour

11. To approve pitch lay out Needingworth Colts 2018/19 season.

Clerk advised that the request was for the same lay out as last year, sketch provided. Clerk also confirmed that she has spoken to groundsman and that the ground is holding up in these areas so it is fit for use.

Resolved: That the pitch lay out be approved. (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2ND Cllr Norman) All in favour.

12. To approve purchase of gravel for village hall car park.

Clerk confirmed that there are a few potholes appearing in the main car park and that the gravel is getting thin. Last time this was repaired the work was done by Councillors and staff. Contractor employed 2015 to lay 15 ton of gravel at a cost of £1182 plus VAT.

Cllr MacPherson asked if it was possible to spread with the tractor.

Cllr Whyte asked that the measurements be correct this time is out sourced as the cost escalated in 2015.

Cllr Fountain asked that the potholes be filled first.

Resolved: That the Clerk obtain quotes for the supply and spread of gravel to make good. Groundsmen to fill in potholes (Prop Cllr Pearce 2nd Cllr Macrae) All in favour.

13. Millfields:

(I) To consider email from Queens Head football team.

Cllr Pearce was of the opinion that the team played more than once.

Cllr Macrae stated that the agreement was for the whole season and not a specific number of matches.

Cllr Whyte asked how many matches the Parish Council cancelled, the clerk stated she had not had contact with the team to cancel any matches although weather had postponed some play in winter. Cllr Pearce stated that the referee often made the decision to cancel in the interest of player safety.

Resolved: That no refund be made. (Prop Cllr MacPherson 2ND Cllr Macrae) All in favour.

(II) To consider request to operate an After-school football club

Cllr Pearce asked how playing after school would be possible as it gets dark about 4pm. The flood lights are not Parish Council property so cannot be used.
Cllr Fountain felt that it should be possible to accommodate 1 hour/week.
Cllr MacPherson supported Cllr Pearce' suggestion that the club could approach the school for use of their facilities.
Cllr Mortlock pointed out the Council does not own any equipment i.e. goals, balls etc.

Resolved; That the request be declined but that the Clerk write suggesting that the school is approached. (Prop Cllr Macrae 2nd Cllr Pearce) 7 in favour 1 against.

14. Items to report relating to the Leisure facilities committee.

- Cllr Whyte reported that a bouncy castle was on the Overcote playing field Saturday 11th August and asked if permission had been given. Clerk confirmed that she was not aware of a request for use. The Chairman asked the Clerk to write to Village hall trust asking that their booking form makes the matter clear in respect of use of the field.
- Cllr Fountain asked that the hedge at the back of the village hall be cut back urgently to prevent roof damage. He asked that this work be more than the annual maintenance work.
- Parish Clerk advised an outdoor play session took place at village hall on Monday and all activities took place on the playing field.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Chairman.

Date