

**MINUTES OF LEISURE FACILITIES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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

Miss J Bowd (Parish Clerk)

No members of the public

1.To Elect a Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Mortlock be elected as Chairman (Prop Cllr Pearce, 2nd Cllr Macrae) All in favour

2.To Receive Apologies for Absence.

Cllr E MacPherson- personal

3.To Elect a Vice-Chairman.

**Resolved:** That Cllr Fountain be elected as Vice Chairman (Prop Cllr Mortlock, 2nd Cllr Whyte) All in favour

4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

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

5. To consider information relating to the installation of skate park.

5.1 To consider the day hire of mobile skate park.

Cllr Mortlock asked if Clerk had heard from resident who requested the park with regards to the survey requested. The Clerk advised that she had not heard from him. Cllr Macrae considered that the temporary installation was very expensive and would it not be more cost effective to lay on a mini bus to the St Ives site during the school holidays. Cllr Mortlock was concerned about the insurance implications of such an arrangement.

Cllr Pearce suggested that a skate park could be requested from the developers of the 120 houses, Bluntisham Rd.

**Resolved:** That a temporary installation is not hired. (Prop Cllr Fountain, 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pearce) All in favour

5.2 To receive a verbal update on findings from Earith Parish Council

Cllr Macrae spoke about the site visit to Earith Skate Park during half term holiday. The site was not being used, had broken glass over the ramps and graffiti on many surfaces.

Based on this she was concerned about ongoing maintenance.

Cllr Pearce was concerned about noise if located near houses.

**Resolved:** That the request be set aside until more proof of need provided. Follow up with developers of Bluntisham Road site if the amenity land can incorporate a skate park. (Prop Cllr Fountain 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Pearce) All in favour.

6. To consider work to tractor shed doors, Millfields.

Clerk spoke advising that the groundsmen were concerned about security of the

tractor shed doors.

**Resolved:** That the Clerk look into the cost of improving the security. (Prop Cllr Whyte, Cllr Pearce) All in favour.

7. To review fees for hire of Millfields.

A lengthy debate took place over the fees.

Cllr Fountain felt the Council should be progressive and substantially increase the fees.

Cllr Pearce highlighted the additional use by cricket club who now lay matches on both Saturdays and Sundays.

Cllr Whyte clarified that the teams get the use of the pavilion included in the annual fee.

**Resolved:** That the fees for 2018/19 be charged as per attached schedule (Appendix A) (Prop Cllr Macrae 2<sup>nd</sup> Cllr Fountain) All in favour.

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

- Cllr Fountain asked if the overflow car park had been sprayed ready for the music festival and the area behind the village hall cut back.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Chairman.

Date