



## RECREATION COMMITTEE

**Minutes** of a meeting of the Parish Council Recreation Committee on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010 commencing at 19:00 in The Lindos Centre Conference Room Saddlemakers Lane Melton IP12 1PP.

**Present:**

Cllr Mr GK Butterwick  
Cllr Mrs JEJ Eckersley [Chairman]

Cllr Mrs EJG Hilson  
Cllr Miss KS Martin

**In Attendance:**

Mr R Tucker Harvey	Hasketon Parish Council	[until 20:10]
Mr H Tucker Harvey	BMX Biker	[until 20:10]
Mr S Tucker Harvey	BMX Biker	[until 20:10]
Mr N Montgomery	Woodbridge Town Council	[until 20:10]
Mr MJ Green	Clerk to Melton Parish Council	

### 10.01 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR AND CONSENT TO ABSENCE

#### 10.01.01 Cllr Miss EA Barrington – Medical

Council considered this apology and it was **RESOLVED** to receive the apology and consent to the absence.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Butterwick      **Seconded by:** Cllr Martin

### 10.02 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST WITH REGARD TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA AND ADDITIONS TO THE REGISTER

There were no declarations of interest or additions to the register.

### 10.03 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

#### 10.03.01 To receive representations from Councillors who have declared a prejudicial interest

There were no representations as there had been no declarations of interest.

#### 10.03.02 To receive representations from members of the public in respect of items on the agenda only

There were no representations.

It was **RESOLVED** to lift standing orders

### 10.04 OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO TALK TO COUNCILLORS

#### 10.04.01 BMX Trail in Burkes Wood

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Tucker and his two sons and Cllr Montgomery to the meeting.

The following points were brought to the attention of the council during a detailed and informative fact finding discussion:

- BMX bikers are an all age group not just teenagers
- BMX bikes are small with no lights
- The Woodbridge Skateboard Park is not meeting the needs of 'older BMX Bikers' as it does not have the 'risk' element and is catering for skateboarders and BMX Bikers jointly
- A BMX trail is only for BMX Bikers not skateboarders
- The Ufford BMX Trail will provide the required facility but is considered by the Bikers to be too far from their locality of Woodbridge
- BMX Biking is now an Olympic Sport
- Consideration was being given by SCDC to the provision of a BMX trail in Fen Meadow but this had stalled due to changes in ownership of the land

- Newmarket Town Council had provided a BMX trail having received a £30,000 grant towards the cost – this is hugely successful
- A trail is only used in daylight and good weather
- BMX bikers are both male and female
- Planning consent would be required
- Public liability insurance would be required
- Costs could possibly be met by Just42
- An area approximately 30 \* 60 metres would be required and the BMX Bikers would build the trail themselves – it would be soil based not concrete
- Impact on wildlife could be minimised by choosing the correct location
- Various photographs of existing facilities were provided
- A shack or shelter would be a bonus not an essential

**10.04.02 Level of Water in Ditch on Playing Field**

Cllr Butterwick advised the meeting that the level of water in the ditch along the length of the playing towards the electricity sub-station had reached depths of almost 2 foot. The water did not seem to be draining away into the culvert under Melton Road adequately. This was a potential hazard to anyone walking close to the ditch. The Clerk to contact SCC Highways in the first instance to request that the culvert be checked and cleared.

**It was RESOLVED** to reinstate standing orders.

**10.05 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009**

**10.05.01 Amendment #1 – 09.56 should read 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009 not 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**It was RESOLVED** that, with this one amendment, minutes REC(09)M4 previously circulated be received and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Martin

**Seconded by:** Cllr Eckersley

**10.06 TO CONSIDER TENDERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE COUNCIL ASSETS**

Council noted that tenders had been received for the maintenance of council assets. The Clerk confirmed that tender documentation had been prepared and issued in accordance with council's standing order 77. It was also confirmed that a public notice of the intention to place a contract had been placed in a local newspaper.

In order to comply with standing order 77 (3) (d) the tenders were opened during the meeting by the Chairman of the Recreation Committee in the presence of the Clerk.

**It was RESOLVED** that the tenders be analysed by the clerk and a proposed solution prepared and issued together with copies of the tender documents to all members of the committee for ratification.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Eckersley

**Seconded by:** Cllr Butterwick

**10.07 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE CLERK ON PROGRESS MADE ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES AFFECTING THE RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Paper REC(10)P07 previously circulated was received and noted.

**10.08 TO CONSIDER PROGRESS ON NEW AND CLAIMED FOOTPATHS**

It was noted that there had been no further progress on this item.

**10.09 TO CONSIDER SAFER CYCLE ROUTES TO FARLINGAYE**

Committee was reminded that the village plan had identified the need for a secure safe crossing on Melton Road near to the Playing Field Entrance and also the provision of a cycle route along Melton Road/Melton Hill.

A copy of a report of a site meeting between County Cllr Page [Woodbridge], Mrs Tricker [Parent and Farlingaye Governor] and Mr Kemp [SCC Cycling Officer] on 25<sup>th</sup> November had been previously circulated by Cllr Butterwick with the express permission of Cllrs Page and Bond.

The notes include proposals for County Cllrs Page and Bond to pool their Quality of Life Funding to secure a package of measures to improve cycling and walking between Woodbridge, Melton and local schools.

A number of proposals were considered but the one that would impact mostly on Melton Parish Council would be to provide a route through Melton Playing Field to Turnpike Road. This would require widening and extending the recently constructed lighted footpath from the Car Park to the Play Area/Pavilion.

It was **RESOLVED** to report to the SCC Cycling Officer that Melton Parish Council agrees to warmly support the furtherance of the consideration of this specific proposal.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Butterwick                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Eckersley

**10.10 TO CONSIDER THE USE OF BURKES WOOD AS A BMX TRAIL**

The proposals put during the public forum session were discussed in detail by committee. It was noted that the Clerk has received a number of emails objecting to the proposed BMX Trail from residents living close to the playing field.

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a site visit for members of the Recreation Committee on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 at 2.00 p.m. to view the exact location of the proposed trail and to invite representatives of the BMX Group to attend.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Eckersley                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Martin

**10.11 TO CONSIDER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BURKES WOOD**

It was noted that there had been no further action on this item

**10.12 TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM MELTON CHARITY CAR BOOT TO HOLD CAR BOOT SALES ON PLAYING FIELD**

Dates requested:

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> [30<sup>th</sup> anniversary], June 5<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, and September 4<sup>th</sup>

Council discussed the dates requested and also the need to levy a charge for the use of the playing field for this purpose but as this was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the charity car boot sales it was agreed that no charge should be made in 2010. However, further consideration will be given to charges for 2011 onwards at the September 2010 meeting.

It was also noted that the car boot organisers need to be made aware that the pavilion may not be available for the 2010 car boot sales due to building works.

It was **RESOLVED** to agree to the request to hold car boot sales on the above dates.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Eckersley                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Martin

**10.13 TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO HOLD A CIRCUS ON PLAYING FIELD**

Council considered the request from Circus Tyanna for the use of the playing field for one week in either July or September 2010.

Issues to be resolved included:

- Impact on residents
- Impact on policing
- Public Liability Insurance
- Liability for the reinstatement of the playing field in time for the football season should it be severely damaged by the circus
- Possible fee for hire of £100

The Clerk was requested to seek advice from SCDC Planning to ensure that this would be a permissible use of the playing field and also to seek advice from SALC regarding a model hire agreement.

It was **RESOLVED** to consider the request electronically when the appropriate information is available.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Eckersley                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Martin

**10.14 TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS WITH THE PLANNING OF THE PAVILION REFURBISHMENT**

It was noted that no further action had taken place as the Structural Survey had still not been carried out.

**10.15 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business

**10.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 19:00 in the Parish Council Office.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21:30

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

[Chairman]