

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on the **9<sup>th</sup> February 2010** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

**Present** ;Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Akinbusoye, Cllr Fitchett, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Rose, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Stabler.

1. **Apologies** Councillors consented to the absence of Cllr Byfield (sickness),Cllr Foskett (unavailable). Cllr Williams has resigned from the parish council
2. **Declaration of members interests** -none raised
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010** were agreed as a true record; this was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Tripp, all agreed.
4. **Public Question time** - no public present.
5. **Matters arising** – item 15a, Cllr Stabler had spoken with Paul Harrison MKC who agreed another repeat sign could be put up in the Yeomans Drive.
6. **Loriner Orchard**
  - a. Update
    - i. Cllr Tripp proposed and Cllr Stabler seconded the payment to Cllr Teesdale for purchase of the fruit bushes £10 in total.
    - ii. The sign has been stolen. PM to liaise with suppliers for a replacement
7. **Downs Barn Sports Facility**
  - a. **Youth Club** –
    - i. Cllr Allum was nominated as GLPC representative on the management committee. Deputy to be Cllr Akinbusoye. PM would cover the Treasurer’s role
    - ii. More volunteers required, N&V to advertise the vacancy for 2 more adult volunteers
  - a. DB project – Cllr Akinbusoye informed the committee that an “in principle” decision had been made with Ian Vivian (Estates) and Mark McKinlay (leisure) for a continuation of the current lease for 3 years. PM to get quotes from other organisations for the feasibility study.
8. **Marsh Drive Sports Facility**
  - a. **Tennis Club rental** – the tennis club lease states the annual rent increases by the difference in RPI between January 2009 to 2010. At this point in time (09/02/10) the difference is 7.9% this does not account for January 2010 RPI. Cllr Stabler proposed that the when the January 2010 figure was known the increase should be calculated, as per the agreement, and this be communicated to the Club. An increase is therefore expected.
9. **High Street Facility** - no report
10. **Environmental Issues**
  - a. Cllrs were invited to join in at Bluebell planting event in Downs Barn Woods 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10am till noon. Communication to local groups was to be carried out by the office.
  - b. Play areas. PM was asked to invite Kate Davidson to the next Receptions meeting. Cllrs Stabler & McMillan agreed to draft a list of questions for Kate prior to this meeting.

PM asked to schedule a meeting with Kate Davidson, Phil Snell Dave Butler Cllrs Stabler Fitchett Foskett re Pennyland play area, design and neighbourhood consultation end April.

- c. MKC are working with Conniburrow Community Association to resolve internal issues which have put a halt to progression of the Baseball project.
- d. Councillors and residents are welcome to be involved in the opening of the Downhead Park play area opening 9<sup>th</sup> April 2010, between 10:30 and 12 noon.

11. **Chairs update** - nothing

12. **Allotments**

- a. **Sandy Close** all the quotes as documented in the additional information were accepted. This was proposed by Cllr Tripp, seconded by Cllr Stabler and all agreed. Cllr Stabler requested a 5% (£950) contingency sum be added.
  - i. PM was asked to confirm ownership with Land Registry, Cllr Stabler proposed the necessary expenditure (already budgeted for) this was seconded by Cllr Tripp, all agreed

13. **Estates**

a. **Blakelands and Tongwell Ward. PM to log and forward complaints regarding;**

- i. Lorries still parking in Tongwell
- ii. Bridge 79a 79b and the Kilns have graffiti on them
- iii. Wedgewood Avenue verges have damage due to on verge parking
- iv. Bridge 77 was noted to Trevor Dove by Cllr Stabler, i.e no weight restriction signs in place
- v. Bridge 79 has a crack in it again – Willen Lane

b. Great Linford

- i. Damage to 63 and 64 Church Lees pavements

c. Pennyland – residents comments about the harsh landscaping where discussed

14. **Notice : all Cllrs are invited to the Vision planning on 23<sup>rd</sup> February start time 7:30pm**

15. Date of the next meeting was agreed as the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

16. Meeting closed at 9:05pm

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Chair \_\_\_\_\_