

**Minutes of 201<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Abington Recreation Ground Committee, held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016 7.30p.m, in the Abington Institute, High Street, Great Abington.**

**1. Apologies for absence**

Dennis, Paul, Jane

**2. Minutes of last meeting (4<sup>th</sup> May 2016)**

Agreed

**3. Matters arising – other than being considered below**

None

**4. Membership of committee – new GAPC & LAPC reps**

Jane Bowen is the new GAPC representative but was unable to attend.

Bob Chesham is standing down as LAPC councillor so LAPC plans to appoint a new representative at its next meeting.

We assume that Kate Mannion no longer has any interest and will drop her from any circulation list.

Derek suggested that a more active member of the cricket club could better represent their interests. PB would ask D Pimblett for a recommendation, noting that it would be useful to have someone with a good understanding of sorts ground maintenance.

**5. Treasurer's report**

Paul did not submit a report but PB reported that the items of significant non-routine expenditure since the last meeting were £144.00 and £400.00 for fencing.

**6. Risk assessment**

LP was almost ready to issue forms and ask members of the committee to start their regular inspections.

**7. Children's play area**

**7.1. General condition**

Good, though there are some animal holes near the fence on the river side that should be monitored. The new fence position, further from the trees, might help to resolve this.

**7.2. New seats for the toddler swings**

CA had obtained a quote which was felt to be high. Since they have not been reported as a hazard, it was agreed to seek alternative quotes.

**7.3. Quotation for new fence to play area**

CA had obtained a quote from Jacksons of approximately £5000 + £7000 installation for a coloured wooden fence. It was decided to investigate alternatives, possibly including one in coloured recycled plastic.

**8. Multi- sport area – damaged fencing & gate**

We could ask Charlie Baker to fix the fencing. It is not entirely clear why the gate requires replacement so we should inspect it. Neither of these issues, raised by the RoSPA inspector, is a high priority

## **9. Ground condition**

### **9.1. General condition – flailing of edges**

This was done, but nettles are growing again. DP agreed to arrange spraying.

### **9.2. Repair of rabbit holes and levelling of topsoil piles, repair of ruts caused by transporting topsoil**

All now sorted out.

### **9.3. Repair of fence along southern boundary (school & field) and western boundary (Hood's field)**

The southern boundary has been sorted and Charlie Baker paid. PB asked him to review any remaining issues, with the exception of the churchyard.

### **9.4. Tree overhanging GAPS garden**

Resolved

### **9.5. Ground reinforcement around table tennis table**

Keith Rayner is waiting for some rain before installing this, so that the grass will grow through the reinforcement.

### **9.6. Request from school to use part of the ground**

No further requests.

## **10. New Equipment**

### **10.1. Bins and/or liners**

It was agreed to purchase 4 new metal liners from Glasdon.

### **10.2. 'No Dogs in play area' sign**

PB has the sign and will install shortly.

## **11. Any other business**

### **11.1. Sport England Active Places registration**

Has been updated. We picked some marker cones as being the most useful gift!

### **11.2. Half price trees**

It was decided to tidy up the southern boundary before planting specimen trees.

### **11.3. Projects for possible volunteer groups**

A possible project would be to pick stones off the rough ground, perhaps by school children, with a view to making an adventure zone, which might make a bigger project for a company group..

## **12. Date of next meeting**

7 November 2016