

Great Linford Parish Council

Great Locality - Proud Community

Minutes of the Meeting of the Recreation & Environment Committee, held on Tuesday 9th October 2007, at the Parish Office, Neath Hill.

PRESENT: Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Ellis, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Connor, Cllr Tripp.

- 1. APOLOGIES:** Cllr Morsley, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Rose, Cllr Brockwell.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS INTERESTS:** There were no interests declared.
- 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:** It was proposed by Cllr Byfield and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2007 be signed as a true record.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.
- 5. DOWNS BARN PLAY AREAS UPDATE:** Phil Snell attended with details of three possible schemes for the play area at the back of Martingdale Place. It would be possible to mix and match the items of equipment if required. It was agreed that we need to get the views of the young people in the area, Cllr Allum & Cllr Connor will organise something with the schools and we will ask the football club and the NACRO groups to have a look and comment when they are using the MUGA courts at Downs Barn. Hopefully these exercises can be carried out during the next month. Phil Snell will obtain a second copy of the schemes.
Pennyland Play Area: This is in need of updating. Phil Snell will look at various areas for grants, as the cost of fencing, surface etc, could cost £30,000
- 6. DOWNS BARN SPORTS FACILITY:**
The partial fencing of the third courts is to commence in November. The MUGA Courts are now being used four nights a week and one lunchtime for a school group.
- 7. MARSH DRIVE SPORTS FACILITY:**
Marking of Car Park: Milton Keynes Council has agreed to carry out this work and are currently awaiting a surveyors report. It is hoped that the marking will be done in the next few months.
Pavilion: Include have now recommenced their hire of the pavilion for three half day sessions per week.

Path to District Park: The football club are about to install the new path, with the Parish Council paying for the materials (as previously agreed).

Burnt Out Car: On Friday 5th, during the night, a stolen car was set alight on the penalty spot of pitch 1. Milton Keynes Council have been brilliant and not only removed the car by mid morning on Monday, but cleaned up all the broken glass. They have been thanked.

8. HIGH STREET FACILITY:

Nothing to report.

9. ALLOTMENTS: We have reports of rats on both the Hills Close and Gifford Gate sites. Parish Manager is making enquiries into possible causes, although it is appreciated that rats are a growing problem throughout Milton Keynes.

10. ESTATES:

Downs Barn: Cllr Allum does a walkabout of the estate each Friday and reports to Milton Keynes Council any items needing attention.

Pennyland: Cllr Brockwell has provided a list of all pot holes requiring attention.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: The next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th November 2007 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9.00pm