

GREAT LINFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on **Tuesday 11th November 2008** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

Present: Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Brockwell, Cllr Byfield, Cllr Ellis, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Loftus, Cllr McMillan, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Teesdale, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Williams.

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Rose
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** - none
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - it was proposed by Cllr Loftus and seconded by Cllr Tripp that the minutes of the meeting held 14th October be signed as a true record. All agreed.
4. **Public question time** – set aside for public involvement – none received.
5. **Matters arising** – Cllr Stabler reported that proposal on Baseball facility at Conniburrow is to go to MKC Development Control Committee.

6. Street Dreams

Presentation from Jade Blades of Street Dreams about their activities and possibility of their providing an 'umbrella' for a range of activities for the summer months, involving people of all ages in the community. *Jade* to come up with ideas by next week.

7. Downs Barn Sports Facility

- a) Key holder required because of increased interest in use of facility. *PM to approach* a regular user who may be prepared to act as key holder. All agreed.
- b) Need for lighting to be installed with motion sensor. Proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Loftus. All agreed. *PM to investigate cost.*

8. Marsh Drive Sports Facility

- a) Storage unit – proposal that GLPC hire a 16x8 container from Toptriangle up to June. A review will be carried out to assess need and cost-effectiveness. Proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Williams. All agreed.

9. **High Street Sports Facility** – Quotes considered for 'crowning' Chestnut trees the lower branches of which are unsafe for residents. Proposed by Cllr Teesdale and seconded by Cllr Foskett. All agreed. Proposal that S.Dear quote be accepted.

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10. Chairman's Report

Community Orchard – Cllr Teesdale gave a report indicating there is a lot of interest in being involved in creation of Community Orchard of which there are many in MK. May need to have a proper design which could incur costs. Cllr Teesdale to have further talks with parties and other councillors who may be interested in being involved.

Summer activities – Cllr McMillan, Cllr Allum and Cllr Foskett have contacted organisations which offer activities and had positive feedback. *Meeting to discuss is being arranged.*

11. Allotments – Cllr Williams asked about a possible rate review because of increased costs in maintenance.

12. Estates – Cllr McMillan reported that grey squirrels on Willen Park are being shot by airgun and that police have been notified.

Blakelands – Cllr Tripp stated that he is receiving daily complaints about lorry parking in the area.

School Parking – Cllr Stabler said that new signs outside Brooksward School at Neath Hill have been placed within the zig-zag no parking lines, because lines were beyond the maximum length of 43m prescribed.

Meeting closed at 9.26pm

13. Date of the next meeting - 9th December, 2008

Parish Manager

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Chair **Date:**