

Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation and Environment Committee held on **10<sup>th</sup> March 2009** at 7:30pm in the Parish Office, Neath Hill Local Centre.

**Present:** Cllr Allum (Chair), Cllr Byfield, Cllr Loftus, Cllr Stabler, Cllr Williams, Cllr Foskett, Cllr Tripp, Cllr Rose, Cllr McMillan

1. **Apologies** received from Cllr Brockwell and Cllr Connor. These were accepted.
2. **Declarations of Members Interests** none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** held on the 14<sup>th</sup> February were agreed as a true record, and was proposed by Cllr Foskett and seconded by Cllr Tripp. All Agreed
4. **Public question time** - there were no members of the public present
5. **Matters arising from the last meeting** –
  - a. item 8a the unit is now in place
  - b. item 13a a list has been requested from Mark Salt. Cllr Stabler asked that a list of those not replaced be discussed at the April meeting.
6. **Financial implications** - none
7. **Downs Barn Sports Facility** –
  - a. Cllr Foskett agreed to lead the working party to develop a business plan
  - b. PM was asked to send a letter to Estates asking for more details regarding budgets, clawbacks and implications/restrictions, about the options the committee discussed and also the timescales that the council were working towards. This was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Williams  
All Agreed
8. **Marsh drive sports facility**
  - a. Item withdrawn
  - b. A budget of £65 to replace the post and bin was proposed by Cllr Tripp and seconded by Cllr Williams.
  - c. It was proposed by Cllr Stabler and seconded by Cllr Foskett that the rent for the forthcoming year was to be kept at the current rate.
9. High Street Sports Facility – nothing to report
10. Environment Issues
  - a. Dog fouling in public places - The responsibility for taking action on dog fouling is with Milton Keynes Council and not the parishes. Resident's concerns about dog owners allowing dogs to foul footpaths or open spaces should be directed to the ward councillor or the cabinet member responsible for environmental concerns.  
This was proposed by Cllr McMillan and seconded by Cllr Tripp All Agreed

Cllr Stabler agreed to amend the “scoop your poo” leaflet this could be given to residents as part of an education programme.

- b. Process and criteria for agreeing new bin locations. It is the policy of Great Linford Parish Council to provide free plastic bags and a very limited number of waste bins only in significant open spaces or parkland areas.

This was proposed by Cllr Foskett and seconded by Cllr Stabler All Agreed

#### 11. Chairman’s Update

- a. Cllr Byfield would loan the Community association gazebo to the summer project.

#### 12. Allotments

- a. Cllrs agreed that there was no significant advantage to invite the allotment association to meetings as they are able to attend as public members anyway.
- b. Cllr Williams asked if the Terms and Conditions would be available. Pm reported there are several issues outstanding. it was agreed a councillor would assist in researching these issues with the PM.
- c. Cllr Foskett requested that details of the Allotment Association could be circulated to all Cllrs
- d. The rent renewal form asks if plot holders would like their details passed on to the allotment association. It was noted that this will be done but certain conditions of use of this information should be agreed.

#### 13. Estates

- a. Great Linford – parking issues off St Ledger drive Cllr Loftus to discuss with the PSCO
- b. Cllr Foskett requested that Extended services be asked to present to the next Recreation meeting

14. Date of next meeting was agreed as the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2009

15. The meeting closed at 9:05pm

Eirwen Tagg

Parish Manager

Date 4<sup>th</sup> February 2009