

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation Committee held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Wednesday 20 July 2011 at 7.15pm

Present Mr K Harrison (Chair)

Mr S Walker, Mrs M Gray, Mr A Myers,
Mr M Wardle, Mr C Burton, Mr M Clarke

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs A Cook - sick
Mr O Johnson - attending another meeting
Mr B Glass - other commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

201/11 Election of Chair

Resolved - that Mr K Harrison be elected as Chairperson for the ensuing year.

202/11 Election of Vice Chair

Resolved - that Mrs M Gray be elected as Vice Chairperson for the ensuing year.

203/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

204/11 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

205/11 Village Green and Kitswell Park

Village Green

Members discussed the recently completed works on the Village Green and options for work for phase 2 of the development.

Resolved - that investigation and prices be sought on the following:

- (i) Treework at the top end of the new path
- (ii) Planting a small number of trees on the bypass side of the middle of the path
- (iii) Wild flowers to be sown at the top end
- (iv) Whips to be planted at the top end (Rowan and Hazel)
- (v) Replace old fence at the bottom end with hedge planting
- (vi) Replace the 2 litter bins
- (vii) Investigate possible art work (wood or stone)

The information is to be brought back to the next Recreation meeting.

Kitswell Park

Members were informed that some of the trees planted with the bike track development had been broken.

Resolved - the broken trees be replaced with the whips in stock

206/11 Cricket Club

Members were informed that the draft licence agreement between the cricket club and the Parish Council was due to be sent to the cricket club for their consideration. Clauses regarding the erection and standard of the safety nets and the inclusion of the new practise nets were to be included in the licence.

Members asked that a clause be included stating that an inspection will take place prior to each season commencing.

It is intended to issue the draft licence at the end of July with final alterations being made by the end of August / beginning of September.

Members were informed of a site visit by the Chair and Clerk to look at the safety nets followed by a visit to a resident concerned about cricket balls damaging her property and garden.

The resident was informed that a new licence agreement was being drawn up which would include clauses about erection of nets etc.

207/11 Review of seats in the Parish

Members considered information on the current provision of seats in the parish and their replacement.

Resolved - that the handyperson examines the remaining 10 seats and a progress report is presented to the next Recreation Committee.

208/11 Disabled Parking Bay

Information presented on the process for introducing a Disabled Parking Bay was discussed.

Resolved - that further information on time, process and costs be sought before a decision is made

209/11 Litter Bins and Dog Bins

Members discussed a request by a resident for a dog litter bin between Newbiggen Lane and Alderdene. Members felt that adequate provision was being provided.

Members discussed the issue of litter at Kitswell Park

Resolved that:

(i) the Handyperson be asked to pay particular attention to this area

(ii) the issue be reported to the Neighbourhood Warden

Following the delay in emptying of the dog litter bin on the Lanchester Valley Walk Members asked that the schedule for emptying of bins be requested from the County Council.

210/11 Hollinside and Hurbeck Play Areas

Members discussed current play provision in the Parish and agreed that the current provision was appropriate.

Business concluded at 9.00pm