

Lanchester Parish Council

Minutes of the Recreation Committee held in the Conference Room in Park House, Lanchester on Tuesday 22 February 2011 at 7.15pm

Present Mr K Harrison (Chair)

Mr B Glass, Mr O Johnson, Mr S Walker
Mr C Burton

Apologies Apologies for absence were received as follows:

Mrs A Cook - family bereavement

Mr P Jackson - other commitments

Mr B Gray - other commitments

Mrs M Gray - sick

Mr A Myers - sick

Mr M Wardle - family commitments

The above apologies were received and accepted

51/11 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

52/11 Election of Chair

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

53/11 Public Participation

There were no press or public present.

54/11 Playing Pitch Strategy

Members completed the document for return.

55/11 Work at Kitswell Park

Members were informed that works to tidy the entrance to Kitswell Park Bike track and play area had been undertaken. The works involved the removal of concrete posts and wire fencing, pruning of bushes / trees, clearing the ground, applying topsoil and planting a hedge. The works were undertaken following approval at a council meeting in July 2010.

56/11 Manor Grange Play Area

The play area at Manor Grange was discussed following referral to the Recreation Committee last year. The play area currently has a slide and two sets of swings. Members discussed the current financial situation and potential costs.

Resolved - that no development takes place unless funding can be secured

57/11 Leases

Members considered the leases and agreements currently held. The Management Agreement with the Allotments Association is in process of being renewed. The lease with the County Council for Kitswell Park and the agreement with the cricket club at Kitswell Park are due for renewal in September this year.

Resolved that:

(i) confirmation of exact end dates for Kitswell Park are obtained from the County Council and the solicitors

(ii) work commence on the process of renewing these documents

58/11 Kitswell Park

Members were informed that there are currently senior and junior football teams using the football pitch at Kitswell Park. The rugby team are not using the facility this season. Members considered the pitch and potential improvement works.

Resolved - that this work be considered at the end of the season if monies are available

59/11 Cricket Club – Concern of resident

Members were informed of the response of the cricket club to a request from the Parish Council to consider options for the wicket and nets.

Resolved - that a letter be sent to the cricket club informing them of the renewal date of the agreement for Kitswell Park and the need to agree terms

Business concluded at 8.30pm