Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on Monday 25th September 2013, 8.00pm School House

In attendance: Cllrs Mary Evans (Acting Chairman); Doug Cracknell; Jackie Howe; Charmian Marsh

Attendees: Brenda Hambrook(Parish Clerk and RFO); Roger Beasley(Parish Agent); Mike Richards (OAA);

1. Apologies received from: Cllr Knight; Brian Thomas
2. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting 13.7.13: The minutes were approved.
3. Matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda: There were no matters.
4. Allotments:
   4.1 Tenancy agreement: This is now complete and will be distributed to all allotment holders with their tenancy renewal notice.
   4.2 Plot tenancy: The Parish Agent advised that he is aware of 5 plots which will be changing tenants in October. There may be more notifications after the renewals at the beginning of October.
   4.3 The Parish Agent advised that a request has been received for a greenhouse to be sited on one of the allotments. As per the rules he had brought it to the attention of the Parish Council. The Parish Clerk will look into the local planning laws as this is close to the conservation area and in the green belt. Concern was also expressed that it could be a target for vandalism, as well as insurance issues. RB would talk to Gordon Darby for further information re previous structures.
   4.4 Other matters: Rents and water charges for the year commencing October 2014 had been agreed at the Parish Council meeting and both set at £1.75. RB advised that the overhanging trees on plots 1A and 1B in Mill Meadow have made it impossible to cultivate the area. Therefore it has been decided to extend the wildlife area to cover these two plots. The trees on the boundary with OBM and the path down to Mill Meadow need some attention. BT to be asked to look at this. The apple tree in another overgrown area to the SW of Mill Meadow needs some work done on it. BT to help allotment holders to tame it.

5. High Street Recreation Ground

   5.1 BT had advised that dog fouling has become a problem again, especially around the periphery. BH to talk to SDC to see if the visible presence of the Dog Warden could help. The area around the edge of the Parish Tennis Court had been sprayed against weeds, by some agency. ME to investigate.
   5.2 It was reported that the main football pitch was very weedy. The football club are seeking to have it treated. They are checking whether their floodlights are insured via their FA affiliation
   5.3 The play area had been used for parties during some of the long summer evenings, and the Assistant Clerk had cleared up the mess left behind
   5.4 The cricket club have been removing the grass cuttings.
   5.5 The Tennis Club Chairman will be asked to liaise with Cllr Cracknell re rent, in RH absence, as ME had declared an interest. ME to contact him to advise of this.
   5.6 Petanque Club nil to report.
   5.7 Other matters A discussion had taken place about an adult fitness gym. The Parish Clerk will investigate further.

6. OSA Nil to report

7. Chalk Pit Nil to report
8  **Hale Lane Recreation Ground**  
BT had been asked to look at reinstating swings outside the new play area. This could be possible, but a Willow tree overhanging from a garden in Knighton Road is causing some concern. The Community Warden to advise which house and the residents will be sent a letter asking them to deal with it.

9  **Youth Activities**  
We had been notified that there is a new Youth Advisor for Kent.

10  **Any other business**  
CM asked when the football pavilion occupation agreement is up for renewal. The Parish Clerk would advise.

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 25th November 8.00pm School House

ME 24.9.13