Otford Parish Council
Minutes of the Recreation Committee held on 2nd May 2014

1. **Present:** Cllrs Cracknell, Evans, Marsh; Parish Clerk, Roger Beasley(OAA), Mike Richards (OAA) for part of the meeting only.

2. The minutes of the previous meeting on 3.3.14 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting and not on the Agenda – None.

4. **Allotments**
   4.1 2 half plots are available to let, one in Mill Meadow will be difficult, due to the proximity of overhanging trees. The Parish Agent has been in communication with some allotmenteers re the state of their allotments.
   4.2 The OAA has furnished OPC with a copy of their Risk Assessment. BT to be asked to complete Risk Assessment for the council.
   4.3 Right of Way to site - Ongoing with SDC. MR would arrange a site meeting with BT re trees in Mill Meadow.

5 **OSA** The Petanque Club had all funding in place and were ready to proceed with paving the area around the pitch. The football club voiced concerns over the administration of car parking permits for visiting teams.

6 **High Street Recreation Ground**
   6.1 Concern expressed over the area of grass outside the Village Hall. BH ask the cricket club to check area of concern. BT had attended a workshop re Playground Maintenance run by the Registered Playground Inspectorate.
   6.2 Football – Nil to report
   6.3 Play Area – The area has had its annual inspection. The report is awaited.
   6.4 Cricket Club - Nil to report
   6.5 Tennis Club – Nil to report
   6.6 Petanque Club – As above
   6.7 Dogs and Dog Fouling - Another session will be held flagging the pooh left by inconsiderate dog owners.
   6.8 Multi Gym Councillors Evans and Marsh have met with 5 companies and are awaiting costings from them. A survey of Villagers opinions is proposed, before proceeding any further. This will be distributed through the newsletter.
   6.9 Other matters – A very successful Play Day was held in the Easter Holidays in the Village Hall with over 250 attendees. Further dates have been arranged for the summer holidays – August 4th and October 27th half term.

7 **Chalk Pit**
The grass is very long and needs to be cut as soon as possible. There is a branch down along the path leading to the area. BH to arrange for these matters to be dealt with.

8 **Hale Lane Recreation Ground and Pavillion**
4 trees have been vandalised. The community warden is dealing with this situation.

9 **Youth Activities**
Play Place are to run an 8 week session in June and July at Hale Lane.

10 **Other**
   10.1 Nick Chard to be asked to help with funding for Multi Gym

**Date of next meeting:** Monday 27th June  Time to be confirmed. ME.2.5.14