

**MINUTES of the meeting of Feering Parish Council Playing Field Committee held on
Monday 15th. February 2016 at 9.30am in the Parish Office**

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr M. Lakin, Cllr K. Evans and Kevin Money (Clerk)
Also present was Simon Gibbs

01/2016 Welcome and Apologies

Cllr Lees welcomed all to the meeting especially Simon Gibbs
There were no apologies for absence

02/2016 Declaration of Interest

Cllr Lees declared an interest in Item 7 on the agenda

03/2016 Questions from the public – There were no public at the meeting

04/2016 Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th. September 2015

Cllr Lees proposed and Cllr Lakin seconded that the minutes be signed as being true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was carried unanimously**

05/2016 Update on Condition of Playing Field

Simon Gibbs gave an update of the playing field. He specifically felt that the playing field was in good shape considering the awful weather conditions and with the football being played on it regularly. As soon after the last game of the season Simon will be attending to both goalmouth areas. He will also be fertilising the field twice. There is good news that there is no worm activity on the field and Simon will start to "slit" the field because as from the start of the 2016/17 season the field will be used every weekend. Simon is also going to roll the main field and he also asked if the school could put the athletics track onto the main field to give the grass time to repair. The clerk was asked to contact Graham Bendall to inspect the moles humps that have appeared by the container and bench. Simon is also going to be spraying the verges and Footpath 16 to clear the nettles this year.

06/2016 Contract for Hirers

- The Councillors looked at the "Standard Conditions of Hire for Rye Mill Lane Playing Field" and asked the clerk to ascertain whether the FCA would take on the Hiring/booking of the football pitch
- Cllr Lakin proposed and Cllr Lees seconded that £25 be charged per game for the use of the pitch. **This was agreed unanimously.**

07/2016 Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

• Councillors considered the options regarding the Multiplay equipment. Cllr Lakin informed the meeting that she has been in contact with "Awards for All" to obtain additional grant funding. She is also contacting other funding avenues as the cost now (with the alterations) has come down to £20,000 +VAT. The clerk informed the meeting that the VAT element can come out of reserves for a short time so only £10,000 needs to be obtained as £10,000 has already been achieved from CIF.

08/2016 Any other Playing Field matters

Cllr Lees informed the meeting that the MUGA lease expires in 2016 and if no party withdraws from the lease then it reverts to an annual roll-over. It was suggested that the MUGA reverts to a "rental basis" and that the FPC pays for all repairs etc..
Cllr Lees expressed concern that if the school became an academy then the clerk should check the land registry and the solicitors to see what area belongs to FPC. Cllr Evans to

supply the clerk with background information. The clerk was also instructed to take photographs of the MUGA when it rains to look at any flooding issues.

Councillors asked for the items below to be added to the next meeting agenda
Byelaws – Cllr Lakin (documents to be finalised and sealed by 03.03.16)
Fencing – The Concrete posts and mesh to be inspected and quoted for replacing.
FCA joint agreement
School usage letter – update from the clerk

09/2016 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to meet again on Wednesday 6th. April 2016 at 9.30am in the Parish Office

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....6th. April 2016
Paul Lees