

**MINUTES of the meeting of Feering Parish Council Playing Field Sub. Committee held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>. September 2016 at 10am in the Parish Office**

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

**36/2016 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and especially Cllr Claire Newton

**37/2016 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary, or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors

**38/2016 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A period of 5 minutes when members of the public can speak about Playing Field matters

There were no questions from the public

**39/2016 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELD SUB. COMMITTEE**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. July 2016  
Cllr M. Lakin proposed and Cllr K. Evans seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

**40/2016 UPDATE ON CONDITION OF PLAYING FIELD – given by Simon Gibbs**

Simon Gibbs informed the meeting that he had little cutting to do as the grass had not grown much but he will be cutting in next couple of days. The Football pitch in very good condition, even the goal-mouth area is looking good, but the small field has been hammered this year due to the lack of rainfall. With no rain lately he has not been able to put any fertiliser or weed killer onto the grass. He still has enough fertiliser left over to do this year's fertilising and weed killing.

Simon asked the Councillors to consider matting to go under the benches so as not to keep making indentations in the ground where people place their feet. Councillors agreed with this and would look at matting for the future.

**41/2016 FENCING ALONG SIDE OF FOOTPATH 16**

The Clerk updated Councillors on the new fencing along footpath 16. He said that he, personally, has had many compliments about the new fencing but unfortunately he has had a resident complain. The Councillors noted the complaint.

**42/2016 PLAY EQUIPMENT**

The Councillors, having already considered and agreed the new play equipment design, siting and the quotation, approved unanimously that the Clerk contact the supplier to organise the installation of the new play equipment. Councillors also agreed to an Official opening of the new equipment. Councillors agreed that a plaque be erected with who donated money towards the play equipment. The clerk informed the meeting that Rotary will be wanting to see some recognition of their donation. It was also agreed that the clerk contact ECC and to organise a photoshoot via Tribune/Rotary. The clerk was also to invite District Councillor Robert Mitchell, EALC, BBC Essex, Braintree & Witham Times. Cllr C. Newton thought that a Saturday opening with children around the equipment together with a tea stall would be a good idea. The Councillors agreed that once the Clerk has an installation date and a completion date then these arrangements can be set in motion. Simon Gibbs leaves meeting.

**43/2016 PLAY EQUIPMENT ANNUAL INSPECTION AND UPDATE**

Councillors comprehensively reviewed the Annual Inspection report from David Bracey and decided that

1. All minor points to be addressed
2. Precept for maintenance works

3. Contact BDC for a play equipment repair team
4. Talk with Graham for cleaning algae moss etc.
5. Letter to school regarding the MUGA annual report and possible repairs

**AGREE DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Councillors agreed to wait until completion date of the new equipment

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 11.15am and thanked everyone for attending

Signed .....

**P. Lees**

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