



**HEATH & REACH PARISH COUNCIL
Sports and Recreation COMMITTEE**

Minutes of Meeting held on **Monday 5th December 2016 at 6.15pm** at Heath Village Barn

1. Present: Cllrs Fitzpatrick, Green and Owers. Clerk in attendance.
2. Apologies: Cllr Gell – childcare issues.
3. Declaration of Interests: None.
4. Review of Income and expenditure: Income to date is £5,628 (compared to annual budget allowance of £6400). Expenditure to date is £8,261 (compared to annual budget allowance of £13,400). The Clerk reported that there is no booking so far from football clubs for the grass pitches for next season to date, this is probably due to the lack of changing facilities and clubs using Astral Park. The all-weather courts continue to be well used and the boxing club continues to pay monthly for the use of the pavilion.
5. Groundworks tender: The tender specification was discussed and amendments made to consider the dog walking field and work to the hedgerows. Markland Gardens have been attending to the grass at the Barn and it was agreed to omit this from the tender document as it is a small area, easily included in the Markland Gardens remit and may not be cost effective for a larger firm. As discussed at the Cemetery Committee meeting, clerk to source four companies to tender and place a notice in the Leighton Buzzard Observer.
6. Review of inspection procedures, Thrift Road, Bryants Lane. Cllr Green continues to carry out regular inspections with a check list of both Thrift Road and Bryant's Lane recreational areas.
7. Discussion of future projects & maintenance for Budget purposes 2017/18. The committee discussed the purchase of some new equipment for Thrift Road area, i.e., a swing for older children and a rugby practice post. Clerk to source costs for submission to the finance committee. Also discussed was the provision of more secure replacement litter bin to prevent litter from being thrown around the areas. The future of the pavilion building at Bryants Lane was discussed and it was agreed to find out some ball park figures for a replacement or ancillary modular building as a club house/meeting hall.
8. AOB The dog on lead sign from the Copt Hill field seems to be having a positive impact on dog owners compliance and it was agreed that a second sign be put up at the Thrift Road side as the existing one is not obvious .

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chairmans Initials.....

Francesca Sheppard
Clerk to Heath & Reach Parish Council



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