

Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2018, commencing at 7.30pm when there were present:

Mrs M Temple in the Chair  
Mrs B Clarke                      Mrs S Parkinson  
Mrs C Karimi-Ghovanlou      Mrs J Tyler

Also present: District Councillor Bannock and Clerk

**Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors Ison, Latchford, Mooney, Morriss, Pennells and Wilson

**Declarations of Interest** Mrs Temple reminded the meeting that she was a member of the District Council's Standards Committee

**The Minutes of the Meeting on 26 February 2018** were confirmed by the Meeting and signed by the Chairman.

### **Matters Arising and Report Items**

Hinks Meadow Play Area Update: The play equipment had been repainted but the work carried out wasn't to a satisfactory standard. All the play equipment, except one piece, would be removed, sandblasted and repainted. A date for the work was still awaited.

Repairs to play equipment: All works ordered arising from the Wicksteed risk inspection had been carried out. However, when the engineer attended site to shorten the chains for the birdsnest swing it was found that the main bracket was damaged. The swing was removed; the repair and the shortening of the chains was carried out by Frost engineering.

The order for the risk inspections for the forthcoming year had been placed but the order was placed with the Play Inspection Company. The Clerk had been having doubts about the reports from Wicksteed and her concerns had been mirrored by other clerks who had also previously worked with Wicksteed. The order for the inspections was slightly cheaper than Wicksteed.

Tree works: All works as per the tree surveys had been completed.

### **To receive the report from the risk assessment tour held on 11 May 2018**

Councillors received copies of the risk assessment report. The Clerk would action the higher priority works and arrange for the replacement of the broken bollards. It was commented that the large ballcourt on Thorpe Marriott Green was looking very tatty. It was suggested that the Art College be approached in order to make contact with students who may wish to graffiti the walls.

### **To consider options for replanting the flowerbed in the Village Hall front garden**

A quote from Garden Guardian for re-planting the front garden with 80 lavenders had been received in the sum £795. There was £500 in the budget with a further £170 carried over from last year. Taverham Garden Centre could supply the same number of plants of the same size for £559.20.

It was agreed that the Clerk should source 80 1ltr plants and for the cost to be considered at the next Council meeting. Councillors would be requested to carry out the planting in order for the project to remain within budget.

*Maria Temple*

**To discuss grass cutting at the Village Hall front garden**

A letter had been received from Garden Guardian explaining that the grass in the front garden would not be cut until a suitable solution could be found which prevented the glazing to the automatic doors from being broken. The contractor had suggested that the doors should be locked open and that sheets of polycarbonate be fixed to the static panels to protect them. It was agreed that a meeting should be held with the Taverham Village Hall Committee to devise a solution.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed.....Franc Temple.....

Dated.....24/9/18.....