

Minutes of a meeting of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field Trustees held in Hethersett Queen's Head on Monday, 3rd June, 2013

Welcome and Apologies

There were no apologies. Present were Peter Hout – chair (PH), Peter Steward - secretary (PS), Rob Reeve (RR), David Chambers – treasurer (DC), Dr Anne Edwards (AE) and Mel Perkins MBE (MP)

Cathy Floyd has agreed to become a playing field trustee. Her name will be put forward to Hethersett Parish Council with a view to Cathy becoming one of their appointees.

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved.

Anti Social Behaviour

There have been a number of incidents of anti social behaviour on the playing field. The chairman read the contents of a letter from a local resident. Matters discussed included:

- Excessive Litter and Full Litter Bins – this matter has improved but will be monitored.
- Golf on the Park – Incidents have been recorded of individuals hitting golf balls on the park. Again this will be monitored
- Football in the Car Park – Following a complaint about the car park being used for football, PH will source a sign stating that this is prohibited.
- Dog Fouling and Anti-Social Dogs – Dog mess on the playing field continues to be a problem despite considerable publicity over the matter. There has also been at least one incident of a dog chasing a child. It was suggested that there should be a zero tolerance strategy for dog fouling with park users being encouraged to take photos of transgressors. A leaflet to give to dog owners is also a possibility.
- A resident also complained about loud music at night – this is an environmental health issue.
- Cars continue to be parked on the road and verge outside the park rather than in the car park

After a lengthy discussion PS agreed to write an article for the Good News Magazine and also to contact our Police Community Support Officer Oliver Butcher with a view to a meeting to discuss the problems. PH will write to the resident explaining what steps are being taken to improve things.

PS will attempt to obtain a copy of the field bye-laws to post them in a prominent place. Trustees will also consider including money for a CCTV system in any grant applications for the new pavilion.

Funding Updates

Work is still going on with regards to the planning stage for the improvements to the pavilion. Once plans are lodged with South Norfolk Council, work will start on preparing grant funding applications and obtaining quotes from builders.

Norse are to be asked to mark out a 200 metre running track for the summer – the cost being met by Hetherset and the Melton's Sports Association.

Funds also to be made available to Richard Headicar for a petanque piste near to Woodcote Sheltered Housing Complex.

RR updated Trustees on the Community Shelter. An application for grant funding is with Veolia to cover the cost of the shelter and delivery. RR has also placed an application with the Big Lottery Fund to cover the cost of a concrete base (approx £1,550).

Environmental Issues

AE reported nettles coming through the Beech hedge along Park Drive. PH will strim the area.

Play Equipment

The play equipment register is up to date and the ROSPA inspection is scheduled for June. PH will be doing some remedial/improvement and anti-vandal work on the play equipment

Park Maintenance

PH reported that Reg Loveday is looking at producing a new park gate. He also offered to deal with improving the tree guards on the field.

Treasurer's Report

DC presented the latest accounts and payment details. The Trustees have received £300 from Hetherset Parish Council towards the cost of the coming Open Weekend event.

Future Plans and Events

PS reported on a disappointing come and try event which attracted only about 80 people. He will be liaising with Active Norfolk regarding the future of this event. MP commented on the outstanding look of the field for the event and the excellent work undertaken by NORSE.

PH reported on the village open weekend and in particular sport in the park and the village fete with evening entertainment. Sport in the Park will feature

over 20 sports. In addition 30 stalls have been booked and at least 20 car boots will feature. Nigel Bailey from South Norfolk Council will use sport in the park to consult with residents over what additional facilities they would like to see in the village. PH mentioned the coming quiz on June 15th to raise funds for the weekend. The Queen's Head will run a bar and barbecue and two bands have been booked for the evening entertainment. Help is needed to run games for young children. MP stated that Hethersett Hawks would host their annual Charity Cup event, starting at 4 p.m. Health packs will also be available throughout the day for distribution. DC asked for a rundown of likely income and expenditure for the event and PH agreed to undertake this task.

AOB

There was nothing else to discuss/report

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Hethersett Queen's Head, Friday 19th July June at 7.30 p.m.