

**Minutes of a meeting of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field
Trustees held in Hethersett Queen's Head on Friday, 8th March
2012**

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Anne Edwards (AE) and Mel Perkins (MP)

Present were Peter Hault – chair (PH), Peter Steward - secretary (PS), Rob Reeve (RR), David Chambers – treasurer (DC).

Previous Minutes

The minutes of the January 2013 meeting were approved.

Anti Social Behaviour

Nothing new to report on this.

Funding Updates

PS gave an update on the proposed pavilion improvements. The parish council and Memorial Playing Trust are working with a local architect to draw up plans. Once these have been approved and planning permission granted we will look into gaining grants. PS is in contact with Sport England on this matter. MP and Ian Fieldhouse are helping with the project. The parish council has donated £1,000 towards planning costs. Any shortfall will be made up by Hethersett Athletic Football Club and the Memorial Playing Field Trust.

PS reported that the grant application by Hethersett and the Melton Sports Association to South Norfolk Council for £3,800 had been successful. This will help supply equipment to existing sports clubs and help start new ones and increase activity on the Memorial Field.

DC reported that Hethersett Hawks Cycle Speedway Club has received a grant of about £600 for new public address equipment.

There was a long discussion led by RR regarding the proposed new community shelter for the field. Veolia will contribute a grant of up to £10,000. The Big Lottery Fund will give an additional £2,200, leaving approximately £600 to be matched by the MPFT. It was agreed to ask the parish council to meet this cost. RR and PH are consulting with young people with regard to what they wish to see on the playing field. Current ideas include a basketball hoop and a slate table tennis table. PH reported that he had been offered an unwanted basketball hoop by Mulbarton and would be following this up.

Queen Elizabeth Status – PS reported that the paperwork for this was complete. We have entered the Village Open Weekend sport in the park and fete event for the Have A Field Day initiative being organised by the Fields in

Trust organisation. PH has already received a support back and “goodie bag” for this.

Environmental Issues/Play Equipment

The play equipment register is up to date and the risk assessment has been completed by PH and RR. The ROSPA inspection of play equipment has been booked.

Park Maintenance

Tim Grimes to be asked to look into the question of improved gate access to the park. The Trustees have been approached by a resident wanting to sponsor a seat in memory of a loved one. It was agreed to look into funding seats and to discuss the level of contribution for remembrance plaques etc. RR and PH will come up with costings regarding seats.

PS brought up the question of a defective light. It was felt this is a matter for the parish council.

It was agreed to go ahead with filling in a pothole on the car park.

An idea to extend the existing car park up to the pavilion was also discussed and has general support as a future project.

Treasurer’s Report

DC reported on a healthy financial position He will report on this at the annual parish meeting in May. He produced an updated balance sheet.

Future Plans and Events

The come and try sports evening has been confirmed for May 22nd from 6 until 9 p.m. Sports confirmed are handball, cycle speedway, cricket, rounders, athletics, football and petanque. There is also the possibility of ultimate Frisbee being added to the list

PH stated that the open weekend sport on the park event and village fete will take place on July 6th and the village Olympic Legacy Committee will be meeting in March to discuss this event, along with others.

PS will be meeting with the Lions Club re a Memorial Plaque and will also liaise with Hethersett Library with regards to a suitable trophy cabinet for all the village awards. This will be funded through the parish council’s £500 award for the village being named the 2012 Norfolk Community of the Year.

Any Other Business

PH and PS will prepare a report to be given by PH at the village annual parish meeting in May.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Monday 29th April in the Queen's Head at 7.30 p.m.