

**Minutes of a meeting of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field
Trustees Meeting held at Hethersett Queen's Head on Friday,
12th October 2012**

Welcome and Apologies

Apologies were received from Eileen Mulvaney (EM).

Present were Peter Hault (PH), Peter Steward (PS), Rob Reeve (RR), David Chambers (DC), Mel Perkins (MP) and Anne Edwards (AE).

The Chairman welcomed Dr Edwards as a new member of the trustees, having replaced Simon Floyd.

Previous Minutes

These were approved.

Anti Social Behaviour

PH reported that nothing serious had taken place since the last MPFT meeting. RR will be replacing bins and there is no update on the two accidents that have taken place on the field. Both are still being investigated.

Pavilion Funding Update

PS reported on plans to apply for a substantial grant from Norfolk County Council's community building fund in order to make substantial improvements to the pavilion. He agreed to put together a full grant application bid for the next MPFT meeting which could be discussed ahead of submitting it to the county council.

Sports Equipment Funding Update

PS reported on the latest position with regards to the grant for new sports club and equipment from the Northern River Valley's Neighbourhood Board. An initial application had been submitted and PS has had a long discussion with Nigel Bailey of South Norfolk Council about aspects of the bid. He will now re-draw the bid and re-submit. Parts of the application will provide additional facilities for the Memorial Field. PS will report back to the next MPFT meeting.

Environmental Issues

AE remarked on how well the hedges on the field have been kept and MP remarked on the excellent condition of the grass, something that has been appreciated by the football club.

There was a discussion on verti-draining of the field and whether this was needed. The football club is in favour and would meet 50% of the cost. PH agreed to get a quote from NORSE for the work.

Play Equipment

RR has been monitoring the play equipment on a weekly basis and the database on inspections is fully up to date. A major inspection for insurance purposes is due next April.

The Under-14s signage is in place.

Park Maintenance

The old play equipment has been painted and cleaned up. A request has been received to include a disabled space in the car park. It was felt that this is not feasible at the moment due to overuse and demand on the car park. Including disabled spaces will be given serious consideration when and if the car park is extended.

Matting will be put down in the gateway to the playing equipment.

RR has ordered two new bins. The idea of two new benches for the field was discussed fully and these will be placed near Woodcote and the play equipment. It was thought that wooden benches would be adequate.

Reg Loveday is to be contacted with regards to a memorial plaque which it is hoped will be funded by a partnership with Hethersett Lions Club.

Maintenance of the pavilion was discussed and Anne Dixon is to be asked to monitor and replenish toilet roll supplies and also look into the question of dispenser towels.

Treasurer's Report

DC presented the accounts and a month that had seen field maintenance, new bins, litter picking and the moving of the football club's goalposts. The trustees have approximately £1,300 in the maintenance and project funds. A request had been made to Hethersett Parish Council for the next precept payment to be made.

A tree cage will be in place around the Jubilee Tree within the next week or so at a cost of £75. AE reported that Hethersett and District Horticultural Society is considering providing a plaque for the jubilee tree.

DC will organise adding MP to the cheque signatures to replace Simon Floyd.

Future Plans

Nothing more has been heard about the idea of Police Community Support surgery in the pavilion.

It is hoped to have a teen shelter in place in 2013 and RR said this would be financially supported by grants from Veolia. Their next round of funding runs to January 12th, 2013 and it was agreed a bid should be made to fit in with this date.

The field has been booked by Hethersett and the Meltons Sports Association for its annual come and try sports evening from 6 to 9 p.m on May 22nd, 2013.

Next year's village Open Weekend, which includes sport on the park and the ladies five a side football competition, will take place from July 5th to 7th. It is possible that the 2013 event will include a village fete/fair. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the village Olympic Legacy Committee.

Any Other Business

The Trustees have received a cheque for £100 from the Yorkshire Building Society Charitable Foundation. It was agreed to put this towards the teen shelter. PS will write a letter of thanks and appreciation.

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th November in the Queen's Head at 7.30 p.m.