

**Minutes of a meeting of Hethersett Memorial Playing Field
Trustees Meeting held at Hethersett Queen's Head on Friday,
7th September 2012**

Welcome and Apologies

Present were Eileen Mulvaney (EM), Peter Houtt (PH), Peter Steward (PS), Rob Reeve (RR), David Chambers (DC) and Mel Perkins (MP). Apologies were received from Simon Floyd (SF).

The secretary explained that SF has resigned from both the playing field trustees and Hethersett Parish Council and had sent an e-mail of his decision to his fellow trustees. SF was thanked for all his efforts over the past year on improving facilities and promoting the Memorial Field.

Re-Shuffle

Due to the resignation of SF, the matter of a new chair was discussed to act as a figurehead for the trustees. PH agreed to take on this position and PS agreed to replace him as secretary. DC will continue in his role of treasurer. Hethersett Parish Council will look to replace SF with another council appointed trustee. They have asked for ideas and the names of Gary Wyatt, Anne Edwards, Shane Hull and Richard Headicar were put forward. PH will contact these people to gauge interest.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were approved.

Anti-Social Behaviour and Problems

PH reported on additional litter collections during the summer and said there has been relatively little anti-social behaviour. There were two issues regarding accidents. The first, where a youngster had been hit by the gate to the play area swinging back on him, has been referred to our insurers.

A second accident had involved a broken ankle from a member of the public slipping over in the playing area. This is being investigated.

PH will ensure a full log is kept of maintenance checks and any incidents reported. It was stressed that when opened the car park barrier must be securely fixed.

Park Maintenance

Thanks were expressed to Tim Grimes for his work on the barrier gate. PS to write a letter of thanks to him and ascertain whether he needs to be reimbursed for any costs.

PH reported that most of the jobs on the maintenance wish list had been completed. These include painting old equipment, improving barriers, putting anti climb paint on the container, supplying matting for gateways, improving fencing and removing unneeded wire, repairing guttering over the pavilion door, re-staking the Jubilee Oak, renewal and refurbishment of doggy bins.

Thanks were expressed to PH for all his maintenance work. MP reported that the football club goalposts have been removed and re-positioned by NORSE. The question of verti draining the field was raised with the cost being met jointly by the Trustees and Hethersett Athletic Football Club. This matter will be discussed at the next football club meeting.

Treasurer's Report

DC ran through the proceeds from the village fair and general accounts. Money remains in the general maintenance fund and also in the capital projects fund and the question of more seats, more picnic tables and more rubbish bins was discussed.

Future Plans

The question of improving and extending the pavilion was raised with initial estimates of up to £40,000 for extending and improving facilities. PS agreed to look into this matter further and report back to the next MPFT meeting. PS also outlined plans being put forward by the Hethersett and Meltons Sports Association to set up a number of new clubs in the village. He had met with Richard Headicarr to obtain costings for a petanque pitch close to the existing bowls green. Other ideas being looked at include a running track during the summer, chess facilities, a stone table tennis table and a Memorial Plaque/monument to be funded by Hethersett and District Lions Club. PS to contact the Lions.

Nothing further had happened with regard to the Police Community Support Officer's surgeries in the pavilion. The question of a teen shelter was discussed. It was agreed that this is still a good idea but the pavilion should be made a priority.

It was agreed that Reg Loveday should be given the go-ahead to provide a metal cage for the Jubilee tree at a cost of £70.

2013 Fayre/Sport Events

Various village organisations will be meeting in the near future to discuss a village fayre, open weekend and sports come and try days/evenings.

AOB

There were none

Date and Venue of Next Meeting

12th October, 2012 at Hethersett Queen's Head at 7.30 p.m.