

Melbourne Parish Council

Mrs J Storer - Parish Clerk, 2 Mansfields Croft, Etwall, Derbyshire DE65 6NJ



Minutes of the Facilities Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Facilities Committee held at 7.30pm Tuesday 14th April 2015 at the Shorne Room, Melbourne

Present: Cllr Jackson (Chairman), Hudson, Howard, Parker, Earp, Smith, Minifie, the Clerk.

106. Apologies: apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Collyer and Cllr Hicklin.

107. Minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting held 12th January 2015 were approved by the Committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

108. The location of the defibrillator was discussed again and agreed that the decision to site the defibrillator at the public toilets remains the preferred location. The Clerk was requested to contact SDDC to enquire if the defibrillator can be sited at the public toilets before the toilets are transferred to the ownership of the Parish Council **(Action: Clerk)**.

109. Cllr Jackson has contacted Mr T Statham about the quote to alter the height of the basketball rings. This is still awaited but Cllr Jackson was informed that the matter is in hand.

110. The Community Payback Team has attempted to attend to the benches at Thomas Cook Gardens, but either the weather has been unsuitable or the Community Payback Team had prior commitments. The work to the benches is still on the Community Payback list.

111. The replacement of the netting surrounding the Lothian Gardens is due to commence this week. There is a tree root across the brick sets at the entrance to Lothian Gardens. SDDC is to be asked to attend to this tree root. **(Action: Clerk)**.

112. The slabs are still available for the Parish Council to use on the drain at the Lothian Gardens, but as funding has been used to repair the netting, this matter will be left in abeyance. **(Action: Clerk)**.

113. The summer sports activities have been booked. Discussions took place as to whether the summer sports activities can or should continue to be held due to the falling numbers attending the sessions. Alternative locations for the session were discussed and Cllr Jackson will ask SDDC to consider the possible locations of the crescent and the rear of Queensway for holding this year's sessions. **(Action: Cllr Jackson)**. Discussions then took place about the effectiveness of the advertising undertaken last year. Advertising over the last 2 years has decreased and more direct means of informing of the sessions has been deployed; yet the numbers have continued to fall. RESOLVED not to undertake any advertising this year.

114. The Clerk reported that the grant application has been submitted for the new play equipment; a response is anticipated within 6-8 weeks. If successful, the equipment can be installed 3-4 weeks later.

115. The Table Tennis Club has made a suggestion that the Parish Council could apply for grant funding for an outdoor table tennis table unit. Consideration was given to its

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possible location, but none could be identified. The Clerk was requested to ask the Table Tennis Club for their suggested location. **(Action: Clerk).**

116. At the March 2015 Parish Council meeting, the Facilities Committee was tasked with finding a possible alternative location for Parish Council and committee meetings. Cllr Jackson has made enquiries about renting the Thomas Cook Room. A suggestion was also made about using the Senior Citizens Centre. RESOLVED for the Clerk to make enquiries about possibly holding the May Committee meetings at the Senior Citizens Centre **(Action: Clerk).**

117. Cllr Jackson reported that as progress is being made with the development at the Cockshut Lane recreation ground, there will be commercial information discussed at the MSP meetings. In light of this, Cllr Jackson will provide a report for the Parish Council meetings, but the minutes of the MSP will not be circulated.

118. Nothing further has been received following the attendance of Mr Wall and Mr Ottewell at the April Parish Council meeting when the public toilets were discussed.

Date of next meeting: to be advised

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.04pm

Cllr Jackson– Chairman