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# WHATTON AND ASLOCKTON PLAYING FIELD TRUST

REGISTERED CHARITY – REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1135385

THE PLAYING FIELD, DARK LANE, WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NG13 9FE

MINUTES OF a Meeting of the Whatton and Aslockton Playing Field Committee at the Cranmer Arms, Main Street, Aslockton on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2014 at 8 pm.

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## 1. Members Present and Apologies

- a. **Members present were:** Cllr. T Daws, Cllr. R Dawson, R Lambourne, G Nerney, Cllr. GR Redford (Chair).
- b. **Apologies were received from:** P Frost.

## 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Minutes of the last meeting had been previously circulated to members and they were approved.

## 3. Play Equipment

### a. Safety issues

#### i. Nest Swing

The meeting was informed that a resident had informed the Chairman that two links on the nest swing were worn and that he felt (the resident) that the swing had been incorrectly installed and the swing would fail at some point in the future. The manufacturer and installer had been contacted and had inspected the swing. It was felt that the swing had been correctly installed and was currently safe. However, in conversation with the Chairman it was thought prudent to replace the links and use a heavier duty (8mm) type. Cllrs Daws and Dawson had both examined the swing and could not find any wear, the Chairman explained that the photographs provided by the resident and the inspection by the installers had identified wear and as the issue had been raised it was felt prudent by the meeting that the offending links be replaced. R Lambourne raised the issue that in the original quotation a new type of fixing was mentioned to counteract vandalism. The Chairman agreed to look into whether that fixing was actually used. In response to a question from G Nerney, the meeting was informed that whilst the suggested fittings would be free of charge the labour would be chargeable. The Chairman was authorized to instruct the installers to install the revised fixtures subject to confirmation or otherwise of the issue raised by R Lambourne.

#### ii. Small swings

The meeting was informed that additional bolts had been fixed to the small swing by Cllrs Daws, the installation of the additional nuts satisfied the comments made by the RoSPA inspection.

**iii. Safety flooring under the Nest Swing.**

The meeting discussed the issue of safety matting under the Nest Swing. It was decided to make enquiries of other users to ascertain if the flooring was required. In the event of the safety flooring being required Cllr Daws presented to the meeting an alternative form of fixing which members agreed to use.

**b. Equipment suggestions**

The meeting discussed the provision of Adventure type equipment. Cllr Daws informed the meeting that a Burton Joyce park has 'boulders' and a 'tunnel' which was very popular.

The meeting decided to investigate the provision of:

'Boulder' type features;

A tunnel (turfed) – Cllr Daws undertook to investigate costs etc.

Cllr Daws also suggested the provision of a 'See-saw' – Cllr. Redford agreed to investigate the costs.

It was also decided to refurbish the two seats that had been provided by Severn-Trent. The backs of which had been 'kicked-up'. Cllr Dawson agreed to look at a 'vandal proof' solution. R Lambourne also mentioned the seat by the pavilion which had been donated in memory of Tony Godwin, he also mentioned that he had managed to 'save' the memorial plaque. The meeting decided to refurbish this seat and reinstate the plaque. Cllr. Dawson will report back to the next meeting.

**c. Adult equipment**

Cllr. Dawson informed the meeting that he had been approached about Adult equipment being placed on the playing field. The meeting agreed that the focus of the Trust had been on the provision of Children's Play equipment and football and cricket. Cllr. Redford agreed to investigate the Adult equipment options and report back to the committee.

**4. Fund raising**

**a. Raffle**

The Treasurer informed the meeting that the raffle had raised £215 before expenses. Members and other who had sold the raffle tickets were thanked for their support.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Dawson and G Nerney for their efforts in organizing and managing the raffle. Given the difficulty in selling the tickets and the lack of support from the Senior Football Clubs.

The meeting decided that a Christmas draw be organized with the main prize structure being the same as the last draw:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £125

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £50

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – 25

And to seek donations for additional prizes.

The Draw will take place as close to Christmas as possible the date to be agreed at the next meeting.

The allocation of the Tickets were discussed and the following was decided:

That tickets in the following proportions would be sent to the User Clubs with their invoice at the end of September:

10 Books to Aslockton Cranmers and Whatton and Aslockton Cricket Club and

15 books each to the Greyhounds FC and the Cranmer Arms FC.

The lower number of books to Aslockton Cranmers and the Cricket Club is in recognition of their support for the Summer Draw.

#### **5. Finance**

The meeting was informed that no material transactions (other than the Raffle) had taken place during the period.

#### **6. Any Other business**

There was no further business.

#### **7. Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was set for 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at the Cranmer Arms.