

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Playing Fields Committee held on Wednesday 25th May 2011
at 7pm in The Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr J Anderson (Chair)

Mrs H Kisby

Mr M Lamb

Mr P Stanger

Mr L Wilkinson

Mr J Gotts (Clerk)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Anderson opened the meeting and welcomed those present

1. Election of Chair

Mr Anderson was nominated by Mrs Kisby, and seconded by Mr Wilkinson and all agreed. The position was accepted by Mr Anderson.

2. Election of Vice-Chair

Mr Stanger was nominated by Mr Anderson from the Chair and all agreed. The position was accepted by Mr Stanger.

3. Election of representative to Finance Committee

The position was left in abeyance for now.

4. Apologies for absence

Mr A Thompson.

5. Declarations of Interest

Mr Stanger for Drayton Youth Football Club.

6. Break for Parishioners to speak

No parishioners present.

7. General Matters

7.1 – Drayton Fete

Mr Anderson reported that everything was well under way, but the only concern was the possible number of Classic cars turning up, after all the hard work by Mr K

Morgan in contacting local organisations. Grays Fairs were bringing a small selection of their rides. Large signs advertising the event had been donated by Taverham Lions. Taverham Band would be playing from 11 till 12. The Clerk would check the availability of a local group to play from 2 till 3. The Car Park use will be charged at £1 per car (50 pence to event and 50 pence to Taverham High.) Drayton Insurance would give between £300 and £400 to sponsor the event.

7.2 – Rubbish on Tennis Courts at Longdale.

The Clerk reported of the excess rubbish and broken bottles at the above and with the recent spate of vandalism he was concerned with the spending of large sums of money for the 3G surface. Mr Stanger thought there would not be a problem as if the surface is being used 3 to 4 hours nightly the Youths would go somewhere else. Mrs Kisby agreed with Mr Stanger. Mr Wilkinson queried security and it was reported back that in the figures for the project was included costing of a person to stay whilst the courts were in use. Mr Wilkinson queried after use and a suggestion was made to get a barrier at the gate to Longdale. The Clerk would try to get prices for next meeting. It was decided to discuss fully all matters at the next meeting.

7.3 – State of Pitches at King George

Mr Stanger had received complaints from opposing teams of the state of Pitch 2 at King George because of the continuing problems with rabbits. There was much discussion about this ongoing saga and in the end, the Clerk was asked to write to DEFRA about their initial suggestions and how this can now be fully solved. The condition of Pitch 1 had improved since a mole control operator had been employed. It was decided to change the size of Pitch 2 to a three quarter length for next season.

7.4 – Advertising availability of Longdale Pitches

The Clerk reported that it is possible that 5 adult and 2 youth teams would no longer be using Longdale pitches next season. 1 team had been approved for Sundays but at this time there are no Saturday teams using the pitches. It was decided to speak to local leagues stating we have pitches available if any team is looking for one. The question of a three quarter size pitch was held in abeyance for now. This item will be discussed again at the next meeting.

8. Exchange of Information

Mr Stanger enquired about the possibility of a bottle bank at Longdale. At this it was possible to move from Acres Way. Mr Stanger also asked if possible for a skip to clear the rubbish accumulated.

Mrs Kisby requested the Cricket Club be contacted concerning a copy of their fixtures. Mr Lamb requested it was noted he could not come to the next meeting.

9. Date, time and venue of next meeting

It was agreed the meeting would be held on **Thursday 30th June 2011 at 7pm** in the Pavilion, King George V Playing Field.

The meeting closed at 8pm.

Signed.....

**Chairman Jeffrey Anderson
dated 2nd June 2011**