

Minutes of the Salhouse Playing Field Committee
Held on 26th March, 2012 at the Jubilee Hall Office, 7.30p.m.

1. **PRESENT:** Councillors K Robbins, P Jefford, J Rose and S. Simpson
Minutes taken by Cllr S Simpson.

2. **APOLOGIES:**
Cllr R Cooper.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**
Cllr P Jefford – Salhouse United Charities.

4. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

We have a few things to discuss this evening and hope that we can come to the right decisions.

We have unfortunately lost the opportunity of obtaining an oak tree sapling from The Lions Club as apparently we were too late. We have been asked for advice as to where to plant the Jubilee rowan tree, which will need some thought.

We also need to decide whether to go ahead with the provision of a basketball hoop at the playing field and the position of this. Hopefully, I will have received 3 quotes by the time of the meeting.

I have obtained plants for the play area garden and hope I will be able to plant these some time next week.

At the time of writing I am still awaiting a report from the Clerk relating to her meeting with SMP with regard to the condition of the wet pour surfacing around the roundabout but should have this by the time of the meeting.

At our recent Working Party meeting, I think we made a good effort in preparing a new Contract for the Football Club and will just have to wait for their comments on this.

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**
None.

6. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**
All councillors present were happy with the Minutes of 27th February 2010 were correct. Proposed by Cllr Robbins, Seconded by Cllr Jefford.

7. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MINUTES:**
Containers on Recreation Ground – communication from Broadland District Council have been forwarded to the Football Club for their attention.

Hedge Planting at Thieves Lane - This has been completed satisfactorily.

Football Club Contract – This has now been drafted and sent to the Football Club for their comments.

8. FOOTBALL PITCHES

- (a) Ian Woolner and Jim Blyth had telephoned Cllr Cooper regarding the state of the pitches and asked that an email be sent from the Parish Council stating that the pitches were unplayable on the weekend of 10/11th March. The Clerk did this. The damage was caused by the deep tread of the tyres on Mr Starkings' tractor when cutting the hedges. An inspection was carried out by Mr Starkings, Mr Fielder, Cllr Jefford and Cllr Rose. Some remedial work was attempted but not successful. Norse was telephoned and met at the playing field by Cllr Jefford who asked for a quote to repair the damage. This quote is still awaited. It is also understood that there may be some expenses paid out by the Football Club which should fall to Mr Starkings to reimburse. The Clerk be asked to investigate whether our insurance will cover any works of repair.

It was noted that the pitches had been marked out for last weekend but to-date have not had notification from the Football Club that they have played on the field.

- (b) It has been noticed that there are a few mole hills on the field. It was decided to monitor the situation and take action if necessary.

9. CAR PARK AND FOOTPATH

Ongoing research.

10. PLAYING FIELD

- (a) Wet pour around roundabout – damage (hole) to a small area. SMP have given a quote and suggested an area be replaced by coloured wear pad. Cllr Jefford to telephone SMP for more details. It was thought that this work needs to be carried out as soon as possible.

- (b) Basketball hoop – quotes received.

Hussons	£2,358.54 inc.installation
Proludic	£2,007 inc.installation
Fenland Leisure Products	£1,430 inc.installation

Discussion took place and it was suggested that the order be given to Fenland Leisure Products, subject to some queries being answered. It was decided to place this equipment between the end of the play area and the toilet block.

11. BALANCE PLAYING FIELD ACCOUNT

Balance of Playing Field account as at 9th February 2012 - £3,409.39p.

12. JUBILEE TREE

Unfortunately the Parish Council missed the opportunity of obtaining a tree from the Lions Club as there was apparently a deadline which was missed.

Regarding the rowan tree to be provided for the Queens Diamond Jubilee by the Parish Council, there appears to be some difference of opinion as to where this tree should be planted, after advice was given by the Tree Warden.

An alternative position was discussed by the Committee in case this was needed and it was suggested that the playing field would be a good place, either at the top end near the existing trees, or between the car park and the play area and to perhaps provide one or two picnic benches which was felt would make that area more attractive.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be Monday 30th April 2012.