

# Tollerton Sports and Recreation Club

**AGM** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018, Black Horse Pub, 1930

## Minutes

**Present:** Tim Brook, Howard Thompson, Adrian Johnson, Will Morris

**Apologies:** Nick Thompson, Ken Hinds, Mark Jones

The meeting started at 7:30pm and Tim welcomed everyone. Minutes of the previous meeting were shared and discussed. It was agreed that they were a true reflection of the meeting held. Main items of note that were discussed, was to ensure the monitoring of rabbits, moles, litter and moss onto the basketball area.

Tim Brook shared a copy of his annual statement which was well received and agreed with. The year had been a quiet one, with the main focus on the running of the field. After receiving the annual RoSPA inspection report in September, the swings had to be decommissioned, which the committee members carried out. The report also recommended the replacement of the climbing frame as it is showing signs of deterioration. This has started the process of research into replacing the equipment, but can only happen with outside funding. More recently, the committee members had thankfully carried out some garden maintenance on the entrance to the field. Howard advised that members of the Tennis club had made positive comments about the work; this was well received.

Adrian Johnson shared the accounts for 2017 which are in the process of being audited. The current balance was £4,110.80 with an invoice for £148.54 still to pay for three months electricity. The main income remains to be the Bridge club, paying £1815 over the year. After raising £326 by carol singing in December, 2017 had been a good year for donations to the field, with £500 from the mini show held at the Black Horse Pub and £300 from Northern Power grid for the delay restoring power to houses on Back/moorlands lane. This second donation was organised through Paul McDonald, a resident affected, who gratefully thought of the field; we are very grateful. Total income for 2017 was £3,349.89 which covered the running costs of £3,088.99. This showed that the running costs were only covered by the addition of the donations. Largest expense was £1,170 for grass cutting, followed by £889.70 for insurance, £714.00 for electricity, £260.90 for pest control (rabbits and moles) and £34.49 for water. The committee feels that while we have been able to cover the running costs, funds are not available for projects at this time, which leaves the hones on outside sources.

All committee members stood down and re-election took place. Tim Brook volunteered for Chairman, nominated by Adrian Johnson, seconded by Howard Thompson. Howard stood for deputy Chairman, nominated by Tim Brook, seconded by Will Morris. Adrian volunteered to continue the role of Treasurer, nominated by Tim Brook, seconded by Will Morris. Prior to the meeting, Ken Hinds agreed to continue with the role of Secretary and was nominated by Adrian Johnson, seconded by Tim Brook. Will Morris agreed to continue being a member, as did Nick Thompson and Mark Jones.

The above concluded the AGM, but the meeting continued with a debate around aspects of the field. The committee feel strongly that the field is an asset to the village, and regularly see people using the field. These range from new mums with young children on the play equipment, to groups of young children/teenagers using the bike track or playing football/ practising cricket. All these users have a safe and pleasant space to use for free. As our finances are tight, a frank debate was

held about the future of the field and the options available, should we not be able to cover our costs. Ultimately, this would force the closure of the field.

It was decided that it would be good to invite the Parish Council to meet with us at the field at some point in the future, so that we as a committee could walk them around the site and discuss various aspects and projects. Tim will approach the PC with this proposal.

It was pointed out that the climbing frame required some maintenance after observations in the RoSPA report. Tim agreed to look into this and contact Mark Sleightholme for repairs.

As the park has been without swings since September 2017, it was suggested to try and organise replacements sooner. This was felt to be a possibility, and Tim agreed to approach the PC for help with this idea.

Howard asked about the two holes in the field by the cricket nets. Currently we are unaware of the need to keep them open, though they are barricaded off. Tim agreed to speak with Nick Thompson to request this to be chased up.

Tim agreed to speak with Mark Sleightholme regarding an up to date quote for new swings.

Will Morris volunteered to look into funding from various sources in an effort to help us replace the play equipment.

Adrian volunteered to look into hiring a strimmer and tidy up the bike track.

It was agreed that the sign at the entrance of the field needed to be repainted. The committee liked the idea of painting it to the same colour and style as the village hall. Tim will organise this work.

The meeting closed at 2130.