

Minutes of the Deeping St James Parish Council **Youth & Community Committee** held on **Thursday 17 November 2011** at 6.15 pm in the Meeting Room at The Institute.

Present Councillors Baxter (arrived 6.20), Blessett, Pearce(arrived 6.30), Pelling, Shinkins (Chair) and Wallis along with the Clerk S Ashby.

20.12 To receive apologies for absence

There were none

21.12 To receive declarations of interest, if any.

There were none

22.12 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2011.

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to adopt the minutes

23.12 Clerks report and Matters arising from previous meetings not considered elsewhere on the agenda.

The two trees at the skate park which had been damaged have now been re-staked, Russell Leisure have provided a quote for recoating/repainting the skate ramps and the clerk is meeting their representative on 22/11/11 @ 11.00

24.12 To receive a report on the Annual Safety Inspection at Woody Heights and decide follow up action where required (Enclosure 1 overleaf)

This was noted.

It was agreed that the cut fence panel should be cut off and made safe and that other issues are reported as corrected.

25.12 Skate park Litter & Graffiti etc..

Cllr Baxter talked about the issue of litter at the skate park and how the users could gain more "ownership" of the site through helping to keep it tidy – possibly by raising the issue through the local schools. It was agreed that this should be linked in with Cllr Pelling's anticipated proposals for litter in the village so that there is a unified approach.

Cllr Wallis reported that he is due to attend a litter task force meeting shortly which may provide translatable models.

26.12 Footpath at Woody Heights – to consider which contractor to be used

It was decided to **recommend to full Council that Malc Firth Landscapes** are contracted to carry out the work at a cost of £6,140.00 plus vat.

27.12 Play scheme 2012

Cllr Shinkins agreed to meet with Jimmy D's group to see what could be achieved. Hopefully this could be mornings of the first two weeks of the school holiday – possibly working in partnership with Madcaps. Cllr Shinkins will report back to the next committee meeting.

28.12 To receive details of and discuss the latest position on the Youth Centre and to consider whether to recommend that the Parish Council employ Youth workers directly to aid the centre being open for more than one night.

Cllr Shinkins reported that the Youth Centre Trust would employ the youth workers directly to allow the centre to re-open on a Monday night. Interviews had taken place for a second youth worker and the first extra night will be Monday 21/11/11 but additional provision will be needed for 3 weeks until the appointed person turns 18. Ctax Management have been approached to provide help and advice for payroll services and public liability insurance has been arranged.

LCC have agreed to pay utility bills and rent until April 2012.

29.12 To decide the Date of the next meeting

This will be a date in January to provide an update on Playscheme 2012.

Annual Safety Inspection Woody Heights

The report found a few issues at Woody heights as listed below:

Issue	Risk Level	Comments
1. Missing Section of fence should be replaced	Very Low	The gap is used by dog walkers & golfers to enter the School playing fields – dogs then entering the skate park where dogs are not permitted – dog waste being left in skate park bins and is used as a short cut for people walking to the facilities on the playing field and by young people entering the skate park after cycling across playing fields. Option – repair fence with similar materials and/or consider metal fencing and enquire about grants to meet the cost.
2. Worn Ground Area at entrance to Woody Heights	Low	The installation of a new path will remove this issue
3. “Rubberised” Safety Surfaces left over after removal of previous play equipment should be removed	Very Low	As a very Low Risk item –remedial work need may not need to be carried out at this stage but this will need to be monitored
4. Central joined Ramp has lifting edge and ramp insecure	Medium	Repairs already carried out
5. Central joined ramp has gaps greater than 5 mm between different parts	Medium	Needs to be assessed with specialist installers.
6. A small surface area has previously been repaired with Concrete which is raised above surface causing a trip hazard.	Medium	Repairs to be carried out in due course when contractor identified
7. Barriers on all ramps with high platforms are less than 1.2 m	Low	Standards met at time of installation – no immediate need to replace
8. Surface near grind box has been repaired with Concrete which is crumbling	Medium	Repairs to be carried out in due course when contractor identified
9. A number of bolt holes on the ramp railings do not have bolts in place	Medium	Replacement bolts being fitted although most railings are welded in place to avoid problems with missing bolts
10. Bolt missing from Basket ball Hoop	Medium	Replacement being fitted
11. Ground falling away from brick edging surrounding roundabout leading to a trip hazard	Medium	Turf to be laid when suitable and available. (possibly when new footpath is being laid as removed turf could be re-used)