

**MINUTES OF THE CLAYDON PLAYING FIELD
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday 1st February 2011
7.30pm in Lindens, Main Street**

1. **Attendees:** G Putt, M Smith, A Hoggins, M Simmons
Apologies: Kate Wicks, Paul Gallagher
2. **Minutes agreed** (7th Dec '10)
3. **Matters Arising**
 - (a) **Grass Cutting:**

Parish Council allocation of £1,000 grant was confirmed for 2011-12 financial year.
Grant is insufficient to cover annual grass-cutting bill. Shortfall cannot be met with fewer grass cuts (unacceptable to contractor). Options are to: fund from reserves (not sustainable), cut less of the grass and leave as 'meadow' & hope villagers support fund raising efforts to meet expenditure gap. (Maintenance & ROSPA inspections also not covered).

Grass cutting begins in March with last year's contractor, Jason King, (£200 remains from '10/'11 budget to cover March cuts)
 - (b) **Matting:** Cleaning efforts by M Smith have greatly improved the slippery mats – will continue to monitor.
 - (c) **Drainage:** M Smith to speak to Robert Adams and Oxford PF Association for guidance.
 - (d) **Committee membership:** Kate Wicks has stepped down from the position of committee secretary, our thanks to her for her contribution.
Advert to go in next edition of Courier for additional members.
Paul Gallagher has contacted M Smith with a view to joining the committee.
4. **Finance MS**
 - (a) Current financial position: £5,755.49 in account. About to bank Playing Field's portion of proceeds from last Friday's bingo night (50% being £148.50).
5. **Events - 2011**
 - (a) Bingo night –roaring success – thanks to Anne Hoggins and helpers - Raised £297 (50% to Church, 50% to PF).
 - (b) Summer Dog Show: Committee are keen that the dog show happens, proposing 2nd July daytime event only – subject to confirmation/key supporters.
Currently no evening event planned as no one to lead/organise it – volunteers welcome.
Kick-off planning meeting Tuesday 22nd March.
6. **Safety Checks:** Weekly inspections of bonfire site continue, few nails and bolts still being recovered.
Regular spot-checks continue. No issues to report in play area.
7. **Next Meeting date:** Tuesday 5th April 2011, time/location TBC.
8. **Any Other business**
 - a) Agreed PFMC statement for village meeting in March.
 - b) Trees: Playing field has been inspected by a tree surgeon, selection of stakes & straps removed from trees to prevent damage/disease. Tree thinning plan recommended (over 2-4 years) to best manage trees on north edge of field. Conifers need reducing/removing to allow the younger Ash, Cherry, Oaks etc to mature. G Putt to create a proposal for review at next meeting.