**KINGTON RECREATION GROUND TRUST**

**MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING**

**12TH SEPTEMBER 2016.**

PRESENT: EB/IWJ/ER/FH Cricket Club Mike Green, John Cromar (treasurer) and Peter Burgoyne (chairman)

CRICKET CLUB

Mike Green – explained that the membership of the cricket club was at an all-time low of just 25 which was impacting on their finances. They are struggling to get teams together due to the lack of interest. The Cricket Club are finding it hard to fund all their outgoings with the grass cutting, rent and other outgoings. The Vintage show takings from their bar was particularly bad this year due to the poor weather on the first day. The Cricket Club management would like the Recreation Ground Trust to look at the rental that they pay for their club at the moment.

EB this is a decision that must be made by the Trust and it will be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Kington Recreation Ground Trust. It would be helpful if the Trust could have more financial information to base their decision on. The Cricket Club will be informed of the decision.

Mike Green –the side screens are gone and the ones in use are put away after each game into the shed.

Inspection of the Clubhouse took place and it was pointed out that the tiles had been replaced on the roof and the roof repaired, parts of the old side screens were sitting by the side of the Club House as they could be used for future new side screens. It was noted that at the rear of the club house that the wooden lids to the oil compound were pealing and rotting and the group were advised that the lids would be renewed in due course.

Mike Green advised that the club house had been repaired utilising a grant they had received but the club was not eligible to apply for another grant until 2018.

Enquiries were made as to fund raising events and were told that they had an Ed Price Day and other events. There was a meeting of the Cricket Club Management Group that evening.

Emails were taken and part of the minutes would be forwarded to the Cricket Club for their records.

BLACK SHELTER

It was agreed that in all probability that Woody’s team could carry out the repair works. It had been agreed at the last meeting of the Recreation Ground Trust that £600 would be allocated for these repairs. The rotten timbers in the top of the inside roof needed to be replaced and painted. Spindles at the back of the shelter needed to be prepared and installed and rotten wood taken out and replaced. During the discussion it was agreed that the Black Shelter should be pressure washed and given a thorough clean.

TREES

General discussion took place about the trees but this is a project that Richie Cotterell and John Brown had agreed to take on. Richie was in the process of moving house so it was felt that he was unable to do anything at the moment. EB suggested that Steve and Rob would come from Hergest Croft to do a morning just cutting the higher limbs that need cutting down and shredding the debris through the chipper.

BENCHES

Three benches have been repaired and were looking in excellent form, in fact they look rejuvinated. Other benches around the recreation ground were to be done in the near future. It was mentioned that taking the benches away from the ground and doing them at another location was the best way of dealing with them. Woody mentioned that Sally had been of great help collecting and returning them. The group congratulated Woody on the work that he had done to repair the picnic benches and the seats in the Playground.

RIVER ARROW

A number of trees were down in the River on the far side belonging to the Newburn Farm It was agreed that a conversation would be had with Cllr Will Laurie to discuss whether they could be pulled out and dealt with appropriate. Whilst inspecting the river it was noted that there was water dripping down from the top of the bank (Laurie side) and this was beginning to erode the bank. EB said that she would let the family know about the erosion.

PLAY AREA

It was suggested that 4 or 5 estimates for the replacement of the children’s play area could be obtained, and then analysed by the Management Group to assess what they thought appropriate, before giving the children the opportunity of picking out of a given selection three new items for the play area. The Trust would look towards getting grants. Of particular concern is the “flooring” of the play area and it was suggested that perhaps a conversation with TARMAC could follow with the suggestion that they could make a significant grant. The seats within the play area had been repaired and painted and looked very good indeed. The metal seat had had a wooden lid put on it making it much safer and comfortable. During the inspection it was noted that numerous cigarette butts littered the area and the group thought that it was a pity that the area was not “SMOKE FREE”.

EB remarked that it had been suggested that the skate board area was now redundant and the equipment removed, but it had been observed that in fact the play area had one or two children playing, whereas the skate board area had lots of children playing. Generally agreed that it should stay. Remarks were made about the stonework which surrounds the skateboard area, as some kerbs are coming loose.

TOILETS

EB inspected the new toilet roll holders and two in the ladies and one in the gentleman’s toilet stalls have been fixed ……..

Esther Rolls

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