

ETWALL PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Youth Recreation and Allotments Committee
held on Monday 18th November 2013**

Present:	Committee members	Non-committee Members
	Cllr T Day	Cllr I Bennett
	Cllr K Cresswell	Cllr B Payton
	Cllr R Warburton	Cllr N Ireland
	Cllr J Fox	Cllr D Muller
	Cllr J Patten	Cllr M Adcock

- 388 **Apologies for absence** – Cllr S Sandhu apologies were accepted.
- 389 **Declaration of interests**- All members of Etwall Parish Council attending this meeting, being automatically Trustees of Frank Wickham Hall Charity, declared their interest.
- 390 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2013** – Already approved at full Council meeting
- 391 **Public Speaking** - No members of the public present.
- 392 **Allotments**
- (a) Review of rent including water – Cllr Day had looked through all of the water invoices since charging for water began. It was felt that the money reimbursed by Severn Trent for surface water etc could not be returned to allotment holders as some plots had changed hands many times during this period making it too complicated. It was therefore decided that this money should be used for the improvement of the allotments in general. It was thought that a fairer way to calculate water charges was by the size of the plot with a full plot being charged £12.80, half plot £6.40 and a quarter plot £3.20. As allotment rent had not be increased for a number of years, IT WAS DECIDED to increase the allotment rent from 2014 to £48.00 for a full plot, £24.00 for a half plot and reduce it to £12.00 for a quarter plot (including water). This change would reflect the Parish Council’s cost of operating the allotments.
 - (b) Security Review – There had been an incident of signs at the allotments being used as a target for an air rifle and some thefts of wood. The police had suggested that an additional gate be installed but it was not felt that this could be done as the access road was not owned by the Parish Council.
 - (c) Change of rent date – An allotment holder had suggested that the date for payment of the rent be moved to Ladies Day but it was decided to keep the rent date of 1st October.
- 393 **King George V Playing Field**
- (a) Vehicles accessing playing field – There had been no further cars on the field over the past three weeks. The police had stepped up their patrols but even with the additional bollards it was still possible for a small car to get access to the field.
 - (b) Refurbishment of the play equipment – Although it had passed the safety tests, some of the play equipment was beginning to show its age and the soft play surface had been repaired many times, the gates were no longer self-closing and it was

suggested that the grass inside the play area be changed to a soft play surface.
Options to be looked at for improving/updating the play equipment.

394 **Sandypits Lane Playing Field**

- (a) New litter bin update – The new litter bin was being well used but had already been kicked and the lock was broken.
- (b) Change of tenancy for the ex-changing rooms – It appeared that the Guides/Brownies/Rainbows had been sub-letting this building from Scouts but had requested to take over the tenancy. Cllr Day to be given a copy of the tenancy agreement.
- (c) Skate Park update – Cllr Day was trying to arrange to speak to upper primary school children to find out what exactly they would want.

395 **Budgets 2014/15** – These were discussed as per the attached.

396 **Date of next meeting** – To be decided.

Signed

Date