

**Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting of Milton Parish Council held on Monday 15 September 2008 at 7.45pm in the Bowls Pavilion**

Present: L Henderson (chair) JE Coston HM Smith  
Paula Mayes The Clerk

**Quorum**

The clerk advised that the committee was not quorate. Standing Orders 42 and 44 refer:

42. Except where ordered by the Council in the case of a committee, or by the Council or by the appropriate committee in the case of a sub-committee, the quorum of a committee or sub-committee shall be one-third of its members, who are entitled to vote, with a minimum of three members who are entitled to vote. .

**VOTING IN COMMITTEES**

44. Members of committees and sub-committees entitled to vote shall vote by show of hands, or, if at least two members so request, by signed ballot. Non members of the Council shall be allowed to vote at Advisory Committees only.

55/9-08 **1 Election of chairman and vice chairman** – deferred till next meeting.

56/9-08 **2 Apologies for absence** - PS Badley RH Chapman GA Covell Sophie Lucas.

57/9-08 **3 Declarations of interest** – none.

58/9-08 **4 Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting of 29 April 2008 were approved and signed as a true record.  
(58/4-08) Tesco walkway – drug dealing – a meeting with the Tesco manager and the police was scheduled for 3 October.  
£50 float – had this been spent (receipts to the clerk)? Was another float needed? PM would inquire.  
Notice board – now in place and should be used.

59/9-08 **5 Youth Clubs – update**  
Paul Webb had been deputising for Sophie. As Sophie would be on leave CCC would be recruiting for the term starting in January.  
Numbers attending the clubs had increased.  
Another article requesting volunteers would be printed in the Village view - (none had been forthcoming after the June issue). There were at least 3 helpers for each session.

**Milton Youth Clubs Report**

This is a report and information for the past 5 months at both Junior and senior youth clubs in Milton. I have been lead worker on the youth clubs as cover for Sophie Lucas from May-September 2008. Sophie will be taking the lead on both groups from 16<sup>th</sup> September and I will be pulling out of both projects in order to concentrate on my work in other areas.

The numbers of attendance were steady with around 20-25 young people attending each club. However since the new academic year has started numbers have risen to 30 and above at some sessions this term. This is due to a new batch of year 7's attending in the junior group and a large group of year 9's moving up into the senior club.

There have been lots of activities that the young people have been involved in at both clubs. The junior club have enjoyed sessions where we have brought in arts and crafts, as a lot of the group are artistic and creative. They also participated in lots of sports activities outside, especially over the summer when the weather has been fine, as well as cooking in the kitchen.

The senior club have been involved a lot more in cooking session such as making pizzas, pancakes and fruit smoothies which many of the group have enjoyed. They also regularly set up large table tennis and pool tournaments for the club which are run and organised by the young people, which has given them good organisation, communication and leadership skills. The senior group are also very sports orientated and often play multiple sports outside.

During the summer holidays we had a large barbeque and we did this by combining the two clubs for one night. This went extremely well and the young people were instrumental in the cooking and organising of the event. The two clubs worked together very well and we had extremely high numbers of young people attending of over 75, which was fantastic. All the young people enjoyed this event and have expressed the desire to do this again and I'm sure Sophie would be happy to do this.

We have had four young people from the senior club volunteer and help out with the junior club. All four young people have shown good skills and attitudes, showing a lot of maturity and enthusiasm. As a result the young people have been able to receive Cambridgeshire Youth Awards for their hard work and dedication, which the young people can put on their CV's and is a valuable accreditation to receive.

Overall I have enjoyed working on this project over the last 5 months and have been pleased with the attitude and behaviour of all the young people at both clubs. The young people are always a delight to work with and I am sure the clubs will remain popular and successful in the future.

Paul Webb  
Locality Youth Worker.

60/9-08     **6 Youth building - risk assessment**  
LH and HMS had carried out a risk assessment on behalf of MCC and would report back to the manager MCC. Noted that the youth workers should report damage / broken equipment to MCC.

61/9-08     **7 Building use and equipment**  
CCTV now repaired.  
John ensures that the door does not self close during sessions.  
Youth workers needed barrier keys. The clerk to organise.     *Action: the clerk*  
The clerk would ask Ultimate Leisure to put right mechanism of pool table.     *Action: the clerk*  
Murfitts would arrange repairs to boys' lock and weather strip on front door.

62/9-08     **8 Replacement youth shelter and skate ramps**  
The clerk would advise MCC that the youth committee wished to consult with the youth about possible replacement equipment on The Sycamores recreation ground.  
Nothing could be done on the recreation ground without permission from MCC. He would therefore ask MCC if there were any areas at The Sycamores available and whether there would be any objection to the youth committee, in conjunction with the Maintenance Committee, proceeding with investigating the possibility of replacing the youth shelter and skate ramps.     *Action: the clerk*  
At this stage committee were open minded about the type of equipment, if any, that should be considered. The clerk reminded committee of "items for consideration for the 2009-10 play budget: [metal fence at The Rowans play area]; concrete table tennis table; replacement for wooden houses." [Minute 47/3-08 Maintenance Committee].

63/9-08     **9 Any other business –** LH and HMS agreed to attend next Maintenance meeting to discuss a combined play strategy. An enthusiastic person willing to champion play was needed.

64/9-08     **10 Date of next meeting –** now confirmed Tuesday 9 December at 6.30pm.  
  
The meeting ended at 8.55pm.

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