

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 14th March 2016

Present

Councillors – Gathercole, Norman

Members – Mr. J Wilkinson (Chair), Mr. J Gowler, and Mr C Thompson

7 members of the public

Clerk - S Thorpe

1. Apologies

None as all present.

2. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

None.

3. Confirm Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8th February 2016

Having been circulated before the meeting, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Request from MDCSC for permission to hold a St George's Day Fayre on 23rd April and closure to the public of the Playing Field for the day.

Cllr Norman expressed concern over the lack of communication on the date as this was the same date as the Bowls Green was due to be opened for the season; however on this occasion he advised he could move this to 24th April.

A discussion took place on closure of the field for the day and a range of views were expressed.

To recommend giving permission to MDCSC to hold the fayre and closure of the field.

Prop: Mr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

6. Grass cutting contract for 2016 to 2017.

CGM had advised that they were willing to extend the contract for two years at the same cost as last year. It was agreed that everyone was happy with the service provided.

To recommend that the contract should be extended for two years.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

7. Street light next to the pavilion.

Westcotec had quoted replacing the light for £85. A discussion took place on the fact that the existing light would be removed if the Community Building project went ahead.

To recommend continuing with the current light at the moment.

Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd Cllr Gathercole

Agreed.

8. Playing Field Inspection Report

Cllr Gathercole advised that he had started work on the outstanding items and had so far fitted a new rubber on one gate; adjusting another gate; and was working on a third gate. A full set of tools was needed in order to adjust all of the equipment. He had noted that the zip wire now had a bolt missing, which he would attend to, and he had filed down a protruding bolt. The half pipe also needed odd screws to be fitted.

9. Football

Mr. Gowler advised that the Manager, along with Olly McGuffog, for Marshland Saints FC had recently completed a level 1 course and it was planned to set up an under 6's team from May. It was agreed that he could mark out a smaller pitch for them to use for training. The team would not compete until next season and would be affiliated to Marshland Saints FC.

10. Reports from user groups

Nothing new to report.

11. Members Concerns or Items for Next Agenda

Items to remain on next agenda as already agreed.

12. Date of Next Meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership

11th April at 7.15pm at St James Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 7.32pm

Chairman Date