

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors – Gathercole

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

9 members of the public

Clerk - S Thorpe

1. Apologies

Cllr Norman and Mr. J Gowler

2. Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items

None.

3. Confirm Minutes of the Meeting Held on 10th October 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. Issues connected to the construction of the new community building

Cllr Chapman was invited to speak and advised that MDCSC were nearly at the stage of requesting tenders and that finance for the project was looking good. A grant of £45K had just been awarded. The Buy-a-Brick Booster Appeal was going well but needed to sell another 300 bricks. The construction work for the new building would be starting in 2017.

6. Condition of play equipment

Damage had recently been discovered to one of the larger pieces of play equipment. A large piece of wood had been broken and urgent repairs had been needed for health and safety reasons which had been carried out by Cllrs Norman and Gathercole. It was felt that the damage was mainly caused due to poor quality of workmanship and it was agreed that the Clerk should contact the supplier, Wicksteed, to ask for a meeting with one of their representatives and Cllrs Norman and Gathercole to discuss the situation, as other pieces of equipment were felt to be in danger of similar damage.

Mr. Thompson asked if the slide would be reinstated on the hill after the completion of the construction work for the new community building. Cllr Gathercole advised that it had always been the intention to reinstate the slide and that this had been widely publicised to residents.

7. Football

Mr. Gowler was not present but had asked the Clerk to raise the issue that he felt the recent scarifying of the field had resulted in the goal mouths on the small pitch being ruined. Cllr Gathercole commented that he had not noticed any damage to the goal mouths but would take a look. It was noted that two home games had been played last weekend.

8. Reports from user groups

It was noted that Cllr Norman had completed work on the bowls green.

9. Members Concerns or Items for Next Agenda

Items to remain on next agenda as already agreed.

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

12th December at 7.15pm at St James Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman Date