

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 9th January 2017

Present

Councillors – Gathercole, Norman

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

6 members of the public

Clerk - S Thorpe

1. **Apologies**

Mr. J Gowler

2. **Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items**

None.

3. **Confirm Minutes of the Meeting Held on 12th December 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 as all matters to be dealt with under separate items on the agenda.

5. **Issues relating to construction of new community building**

Nothing new to report.

6. **Annual Inspection Report and condition of play equipment**

The report had been circulated to all before the meeting. The Chairman commented that there were several items that needed attention but that none of them were of a serious nature as most items were low or very low risk and many were just advisory. The main items which needed attention were the matters that had already been raised with Wicksteed at the meeting in December. An email had been received from Wicksteed earlier that day to say that they would be dealing with the handrail and ladder replacements under the warranty and would advise on a date when their engineers could be available to carry out the work. They confirmed that their equipment should not need re-vanishing or re-treating; with regard to the zig-zag lines on some of the posts this was how the supports were manufactured and delivered to them from their timber supplier and they had no record of this ever being a problem and should not affect the structure of the units. The self-closing gate was out of warranty and they were awaiting a price from their engineer to carry out adjustments. It was agreed that this gate had never closed correctly and in the past it had not been possible to correct this issue. Wicksteed had also advised that they would not refund the cost of the emergency repairs carried out by the PC to make the equipment safe. It was agreed that the Clerk should go back to Wicksteed to query this as the repairs were carried out as an urgent matter for health and safety reasons. A discussion took place on the matters that required attention according to the inspection. Cllr Gathercole and Cllr Norman to look at the zip wire, half pipe and other minor repairs as long as approved by the PC and to meet with a representative from Wicksteed to discuss the repair work prior to it being carried out.

7. **Football**

Mr. Gowler had advised the Clerk that he had nothing new to report on this item. Cllr Gathercole advised that he would speak to England's Hope FC to obtain payment of pitch fees.

8. **Reports from user groups**

Nothing new to report.

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**

13th February at 7.15pm at St James Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman Date