# MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

#### Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 13th March 2017

#### **Present**

Councillors - Gathercole, Norman

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

9 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 13th February 2017

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. Removal of part of the hedge surrounding the bowling green

Cllr Gathercole and Norman had met to discuss the location of the hedging to be removed which would be the whole length of where the new community centre would be located. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to obtain quotations for the removal and cover the cost of this along with fencing which would be needed. The gate may also need a slight alteration.

Fertiliser and spraying of the grass would also be needed over the next few weeks.

To approve the application of fertiliser and spray to the field as usual.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Norman Agreed.

## 6. Issues relating to construction of new community building

The community centre would be fenced off from the rest of the playing field when completed; to enable the construction the existing conifer hedge would need to be taken down and temporary fencing installed during the construction.

The tenders for the new building had been adjusted and were now with the Big Lottery Fund for approval.

## 7. Update on repairs to play equipment

All the work had been completed by Wicksteed; however, the rubber stops they had supplied were the wrong size. Cllr Gathercole to advise Clerk of correct size needed and then Wicksteed to be informed. Other non-urgent minor repairs to be completed by Cllr Norman and Gathercole when weather permitted.

#### 8. Football

Mr. Gowler asked when the grass cutting of the pitches would be starting. Clerk to contact CGM for details of cutting schedule and ask for first cut to be done.

The under 6s training was growing every week and it was likely that they would have a team next season. They would like to ask the PC for help with the cost of goals and a barrier. They would get quotations and item to be added to the next agenda.

A request was made that the surplus soil generated from construction of the new community centre be used to help level out the bottom pitch. Cllr Gathercole advised that this had been considered but that there would be insufficient soil for this and it would affect the drainage of the pitch and make it unusable for a long period of time as well as the likely high cost of carrying out this work.

#### 9. Reports from user groups

Bowls would be starting again in April.

# 10. Members Concerns or Items for Next Agenda

Meeting closed at 7.28pm

Items to remain on next agenda as already agreed.

# 11. Date of Next Meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership

Chairman	Date