

## MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2017

#### Present

Councillors – Gathercole, Norman

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

5 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mr. J. Gowler

**2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items**

None

**3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 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. Issues relating to construction of the new community building**

Cllr Gathercole reported that construction work had commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> June and completion was set for 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017; the contractor was Walkers of King's Lynn. The total cost would be over £1m and the project was now fully funded with a grant of over £700k from the Big Lottery Fund and other grants totally over £200k along with a loan from the BC of £150k, which would be repaid from the sale of the Jubilee Hall site when the community building was completed. The concrete would be laid from Wednesday. The project was on time and within budget. There had been some incidents of vandalism on the playing field since the start of construction; the police had been informed and were keeping an eye on the site.

The site had been closed for the start of construction but was now open again; however, it would need to be closed again at some stage. Cllr Norman expressed thanks to Janet Henson for producing the signs to display at the playing field regarding closure and opening of the site to the public. Keys had been provided so that the car park could be fully opened during evenings and weekends for use by sports teams. Lee Chapman and Martin Peckitt had stepped down from the MDCSC committee; thanks, was expressed to them for all of their hard work on the project. The Annual Public Meeting would be taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> July at 8pm.

**6. Football**

It was reported that the under 7s team training was going well.

**7. Report from user groups**

The Bowls Club was second from bottom in the Wisbech league but third from top in the King's Lynn league. The green was in good condition.

**8. Members concerns or items for next agenda**

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

**9. Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership**

11<sup>th</sup> September at 7.15pm at St James Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 7.23pm

Chairman..... Date.....