

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 11th September 2017

Present

Councillors – Gathercole, Norman
Members – Mr. J. Wilkinson (Chair)

3 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mr. C. Thompson and Mr. J. Gowler. It was reported that Mr Thompson was currently in hospital and it was agreed that a card should be sent to wish him well.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 10th July 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 Norman reported that there had been an issue last Friday evening when a football match had been arranged by Marshland Saints FC which was on the same evening as the bowls club were playing. There was insufficient parking as only part of the car park had been open and many vehicles had needed to park on the side of the road. The parking should not be problem in future, as the contractor was to install an additional fence before next weekend, which meant that the full car park could be open at weekends; however, Cllr Norman reported that when he had found out that a football match had been arranged for Friday evening, he had contacted Marshland Saints FC, to ask if the match could be rescheduled, and had been met with an abusive verbal response which he felt was inappropriate. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to advising that consideration needed to be given to other users, who should always be spoken to in an appropriate manner, and that if a football match was to be scheduled for any day other than a Saturday or Sunday other users should be consulted. Cllr Gathercole advised that the roof trusses had now been installed on the new community building and that the project was still on schedule.

6. Cleaning of the Play Equipment

It was felt that the equipment should not be cleaned until the construction of the new community building had been completed. Cllr Gathercole and Norman agreed to look at doing this in the spring of 2018 if cleaning materials were supplied.

It was reported that an injury had occurred to a resident using the half-pipe; the pipe had been inspected but no damage could be found which could have caused an injury; however, the exact injury was unknown. It was requested that if any Councillor received a report of an injury this should be passed on to Cllr Gathercole or Norman. It appeared that some of the wood underneath the half-pipe was rotten and someone connected to the original constructor had agreed to take a look and advise on any repairs needed.

7. Drainage on the Playing Field

Cllr Norman advised that the bowling green and surrounding area had recently been flooded following heavy storms. The septic tank had needed to be emptied twice as the underdrainage from the bowls green goes into the septic tank. Concern was expressed about where the mains sewerage would be going for the new community building and whether this would affect the drainage for the bowls green. Cllr Gathercole agreed to look into the situation regarding the soakaways for the new community building and the possibility of an extra pipe from the bowls green to the dyke at the front of the site.

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8. Football

Both teams had recommenced matches. The cutting of the grass for the pitches and the area around the play area and the half-pipe had been an issue in recent weeks as the grass had been growing very fast. CGM had been asked to fit in an additional cut to help with the problem.

The goal posts needed repainting and Mr Joseph Gowler had previous agreed to do this. It was agreed that the Clerk would remind Mr Gowler of this and ask him to complete the work.

9. Report from user groups

Cllr Norman advised that bowls had now finished for the season. Cllr Gathercole express the thanks of the committee to Cllr Norman for his continued work on the bowls green.

10. Members concerns or items for next agenda

Cllr Gathercole advised that he had received a request from a local group to use the playing field for a one-off car boot and dog show in the summer of 2018. It was agreed that a dog show could not be permitted, however, a car boot sale could be considered but the group would need to make a formal approach to the Clerk with details. Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

11. Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership

9th October at 7.15pm at St James Methodist Church.

Meeting closed at 7.34pm