

## MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017

#### Present

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

5 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

**1. Apologies**

None

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

None

**3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 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**

The draft plans to permanently site two shipping containers, for storage of sports equipment, were viewed and discussed. The two containers would be situated on a purpose made pad by the dressing room side of the community centre. It was agreed that these plans were acceptable.

The drainage for the new community building was being put in shortly; run off would be sloping towards the skate park, which should mean less water on the playing field. The path would need to be temporarily shut to cut in the drainage and they could hit the drainage for the bowls green. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to cover the cost of pipework to reconnect the drainage for the bowls green and send it towards the ditch, if this did occur.

**6. Update on grass cutting at the Playing Field**

It was felt that the contractor had not done a very good job again this year as they had missed some areas on several occasions.

The mound for the slide was overgrown with weeds. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to authorise Cllr Gathercole to apply weedkiller; although it was not a great time of the year to apply weedkiller at least the mound was fenced off at the moment.

**7. Drainage on the Playing Field**

Already covered under item 5. Cllr Gathercole and Mr Wilkinson would look at the drainage at the other end of the field over the winter.

**8. Upkeep and maintenance of bowling green**

The bowls club would now be facing additional charges to cover use of the changing rooms plus other fees to keep the green in good condition. In the past the bowls club had covered the cost of fertiliser, chemicals and general upkeep of the green but it was agreed that the PC should be asked to contribute towards the cost of materials as the bowls green was a facility that was available for all to use.

*That the PC should be asked to contribute at least £200 per year towards the cost of fertiliser and weedkiller.*

*Prop: Cllr Gathercole*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr Wilkinson*

*Agreed.*

**9. Football**

Most weekends matches had been played by England's Hope FC and Marshland Saints FC. The under 7s team had won their match last weekend.

**10. Report from user groups**

Nothing new to report.

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

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

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

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

Meeting closed at 7.37pm

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