

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors – Gathercole, Norman

Members – Mr. J. Wilkinson (Chair), Mr. J. Gowler

6 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

The Chairman asked everyone to stand for 1-minute silence in honour of committee member Mr Colin Thompson who had sadly passed away on 21st September 2017.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 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

Complaints had been received regarding the standard of grass cutting around the play area but the grass cutting of the football pitches had improved. Cllr Gathercole would speak to the team leader for CGM regarding this issue.

Mr Gowler advised that he would repaint the goal posts when time permitted.

5. Issues relating to construction of the new community building

A letter had been received from MDSCS asking for the PFMP to recommend to the PC that they agree to make a planning application to permanently site two shipping containers for storage of sports equipment. A quotation had been received from Swann Edwards for £300 plus VAT (not including application and consultant fees) to produce the plans and submit the application. The two containers would be situated behind the exiting conifers adjacent to the bowls green, so they would be screened from the road.

To ask the PC to submit a planning application for two storage containers.

Prop: Mr Wilkinson

2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed

6. Drainage on the Playing Field

Cllr Gathercole advised that he had not yet had time to discuss the matter with Mr John Askew but he would do this before the next PFMP meeting.

7. Football

Mr Gowler advised that both teams were now playing matches again and that Marshland Saints FC had moved up a division this season. It was reported that England's Hope FC were currently struggling with player numbers for matches due to injuries. Mr Gowler advised that they were considering purchase of moveable goals which could be used for 5 to 11-a-side matches. These were likely to cost about £1000-£1200 per goal and they were currently looking into funding options.

8. Report from user groups

Nothing new to report.

9. Members concerns or items for next agenda

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed along with update on grounds maintenance for playing field.

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

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

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

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