

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 10th December 2018

Present

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Norman, Gathercole.

Members – Mr Partridge

Representative – Miss Wabe

6 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Humphrey (County Councillor).

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2018

Having been circulated before the meeting, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising

Cllr Gathercole advised that the new barrier and post had been installed.

5. Location of Glass Recycling Bank

A letter had been received from a resident who was unhappy with the location of the bottle bank at the playing field. The details of the letter were summarised by the Clerk. Cllr Wilkinson advised that the current location had been carefully considered by two Councillors and two members of the PFMP and was thought to be the best for visibility, as it needed to be visible to be used; and for ease of emptying, as it could be emptied without the need for the gate to be unlocked. There was not always someone at the site so it needed to be in a location where it was easily accessible for emptying. The letter expressed concerns about if it became full and that glass could be left around the bank or get onto the road. Cllr Wilkinson thought that it would be possible to monitor the bank and make sure that it was emptied before it became full to avoid any issues with overflowing glass. Cllr Norman advised that he had been going to install some screening between the bank and the road to partly obscure the bank but had decided not to do this until after the meeting. Cllr Norman also advised that he did not feel it would be appropriate to move the bank further bank from the road, at its current location, as this would restrict access for materials to be delivered to the Bowls Green.

That the PC should be asked to respond to the letter informing the resident of the reasons why this location had been chosen and that it would not be moved, but that Cllr Norman could install some screening.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.

6. Improvement of opening mechanism of the community notice board

A letter had been received from a resident asking if a support mechanism could be installed to hold the door open to make it easier to put notices up. Cllr Norman advised that he had already installed a temporary support and spoken to the resident who was happy with this, however he could install a more permanent support if the PFMP wanted him to.

That the PC should be asked to authorise Cllr Norman to install a permanent support to solve the problem, and respond to the letter to inform the resident.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.

7. Maintenance of the football pitches

Cllr Gathercole had dealt with the issue of the uneven surface on one of the pitches due to the molehills; however, he advised that there was a lot of divots on the pitches, due to the amount of use they were now getting, he had repaired these but would need to charge for his time if the PFMP wanted him to continue doing this. A discussion took place on the options available.

That the PC should be asked to send a letter to Marshland Hall asking them to contact the football teams and ask them to repair any damage caused, after each match, and advise them that if they were not willing to do this then the PC would need to start charging them for the cost of getting this done by Cllr Gathercole, who would do this in the interim. Letter to request a response by the next meeting.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson 2nd: Cllr Norman Agreed.

8. Condition of boundary on the south side of the site

Cllr Gathercole advised that the area near the entrance to the field was unsightly

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because of garden rubbish, which had previously been deposited there along with an elder bush. He suggested that the solution was for a hole to be dug and then the rubbish could be buried and the area re-seeded. He felt this would cost less than £250.

That the PC should be asked to authorise Cllr Gathercole to carry out the work to tidy up the unsightly area.

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Mr Partridge

Agreed.

9. Refurbishment or replacement of the Skate Ramp and refurbishment of MUGA area

Only one quotation had been received at this stage, which was briefly discussed. The second quotation should be received before the January meeting but the third quotation would not be available until the February meeting. Item to remain on agenda.

10. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall

None

11. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field

Cllr Gathercole advised that there was a problem with surface water collecting in one area of the PC car park after heavy rain. This would damage the surface of the car park if the problem was not resolved. A temporary solution would be to lay some chippings which would push the water towards the French drain but a more permanent solution would be needed in future which could involve a gully being installed, when PC finances allowed. Cllr Gathercole advised that he thought the chippings would cost approximately £50 plus haulage. If volunteers could be found to spread it then this would keep the cost down if not there would be an extra charge for time to spread however the total cost of this item would be under £250.

To ask the PC for the situation to be monitored and authorise the cost of the chippings and Cllr Gathercole’s time to spread them if necessary.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson

2nd: Mr Partridge

Agreed by majority.

Cllr Gathercole advised that the repair work to the culvert at the front of the playing field had been completed but that a response from Anglian Water, about the culvert under the road, was still outstanding despite being chased up.

12. Football

Mr Partridge advised that that Marshland Saints FC were still looking for a sponsor for their track suits.

13. Report from user groups

Nothing new to report.

14. Members concerns or items for next agenda

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

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

The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 7th January 2019 at the Marshland Hall from 7pm, to allow extra time for the meeting, as there was a lot to discuss at the moment.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm