

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 12th November 2018

Present

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Norman, Gathercole.

Members – Mr Gowler, Mr Partridge

Representative – Miss Wabe

6 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

No apologies as all present.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

Cllr Gathercole declared an interest in item 5.

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 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

Chain nets for the basketball hoops had been received.

Cllr Gathercole left the meeting at this point.

5. Quotations to install the gate between the play area and the side boundary

A quotation had been received from BJ Plant Hire Ltd for £1270 plus VAT to install the new gate, which included £150 to remove and dispose of old gate. In view of the cost of this quotation an additional quotation had been obtained from E & D Gathercole which was for £545 plus VAT to install the new gate, which included £50 to remove and dispose of the old gate. The second quotation was for wooden posts compared to galvanised posts for the first quotation. The quotes were discussed and it was agreed that wooden posts would be acceptable.

To ask the PC to approve the quotation from E & D Gathercole for £545 plus VAT.

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed.

Cllr Gathercole returned to the meeting at this point.

6. Refurbishment or replacement of the Skate Ramp

Three contractors had been met at the playing field and agreed to provide quotations for a new skate ramp and refurbishment of the surrounding area. It was expected that these quotations would be received before the next meeting.

7. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall

None

8. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field

Mr Gowler advised that on 10th November Marshland Saints FC had been unable to play on the pitch at the end of the field as the referee had declared it unfit due to uneven surface caused by molehills which had been filled in, but the ground had been left uneven. They had used the other pitch for their match but this pitch did need to be sorted out so both were useable. The matter was discussed and it was also mentioned that there were some areas where the grass needed repairing due to damage caused by matches. Cllr Gathercole advised that he was willing to carry out the work but would need to charge for his time to do this. Cllr Norman also asked if the wheel could be removed when taking the line marking equipment across the field.

To ask the PC to authorise the cost of Cllr Gathercole's time to repair the damage by the molehills, as a one off, and then keep an eye on the situation.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson

2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

Cllr Norman advised that the new litter bin had been installed in the play area and that the old bin could be moved to within the Bowls Green.

9. Football

Mr Gowler advised that that Marshland Saints FC had their best team this year but the league was the hardest, and it was very tight at the top. An under 16s team had been set up and there was currently under 8s, under 7s and under 6s teams along with plans for an under 5s team. Flood lights had been installed which were being used and a track suit sponsor had been found for the children's teams. England's Hope FC were also playing okay; but both Marshland Saints FC and England's Hope FC had recently been knocked out of the County Cup.

10. Report from user groups

Cllr Norman reported that the grass seed he had put down on the Bowls Green was not

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growing but he had now obtained some more seed. The seats that were situated within the Bowls Green had been put into storage for the winter months.

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
The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 10th December at 7.15pm at the Marshland Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.33pm

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