

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Gathercole, Norman

Representative – Miss Wabe

5 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

No apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2018

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

4. Matters arising

Notice Board had been ordered and should be arriving shortly.

5. Condition of Skate Ramp

Cllr Norman advised that he had been approached by a member of the public, who had been involved in the original construction of the skate ramp, with an offer of getting together a team of volunteers to carry out the renovation of the ramp, if the PC were willing to pay for the materials. It was agreed that this item should be passed to the PC and that Cllr Norman could talk more to the member of the public if the PC agreed.

6. New litter bin at the play area

A request had been received for the litter bin to be replaced with a new bin which had a lid. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to consider a new bin of the same design as the current bin in the middle of the car park.

The Clerk advised that she had received an email from the BC, following a complaint that the litter bin at the front of the car park for the playing field had not been emptied by the BC. The email reported that the litter bin had now been emptied but that it had contained a black bin back of carpet offcuts and that the PC might like to monitor the use of the bin for any further misuse. It also advised that the bin would not be emptied again for two weeks. It was agreed that the PC had previously been informed that this was an amenity litter bin and should be emptied on a weekly basis; Clerk to respond to the BC email advising them of this information.

7. Report on condition of the culvert near the road

The culvert had been jetted and a report had been provided by the contractor which advised that the pipe required cutting level and extending 1.2m and a small headwall fitting. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to obtain a quotation for this work from the contractor and if it was under £250 the quotation should be authorised.

The contractor's report also advised that the pipe in the next culvert under the road was damaged and controlling the height of the water in the dyke keeping it quite deep.

It was agreed that the PC should be asked to contact Anglian Water to get them to inspect their work under the road, which was carried out by their contractor when the sewerage system was installed.

8. Condition of surface at the south entrance to the car park

Anglian Water had been contacted regarding the meter cover which was already sinking despite only being repaired a few months ago. It was agreed that a response from them should be awaited before any further work was considered to improve the entrance area.

9. Invitation to MDCSC to put forward a representative for the PFMP

It was agreed that a formal invitation should be issued to MDCSC inviting them to put forward a representative for the PFMP.

10. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall

None.

11. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field

More repairs had been carried out to the skate ramp since the last meeting. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to continue with the weekly inspections of the play area and Cllr Gathercole agreed to continue carrying out any necessary repairs. Cllr Norman agreed to continue emptying the litter bins.

Cllr Gathercole advised that he had obtained a quotation for a new gate to be placed

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between the play area and the main field to prevent vehicular access. The quotation was for £494 plus VAT. It was felt that this quotation was very reasonable and that the PC should be asked to approve the purchase and installation of the gate.

12. Football

The football pitches had been very busy with several matches taking place.

13. Report from user groups

The Bowls Club had finished the season in 4th place in the King's Lynn league and 5th place in the Wisbech league.

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 8th October at 7.15pm at the Marshland Hall.

Meeting closed at 7.22pm