

## MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Present**

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Norman, Gathercole.

Members – Mr Partridge

Three members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

**1. Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Mr Gowler and Miss Wabe.

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

None

**3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

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 repairs to the car park had been completed.

**5. Maintenance of the football pitches**

Members had inspected the playing field and could not see any evidence that Marshland Saints FC were rotating the areas used for the junior teams to train and play. The result was that the training area and the small pitch were now looking badly worn. A discussion took place on what action should be taken.

*That another letter should be sent to Marshland Saints FC advising them that it was essential that they rotated the areas used by the junior teams and asking them to contact the Chair to discuss the situation.*

*Prop: Cllr Norman                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Wilkinson                      Agreed.*

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

The third quotation had still not been received even though it had been chased up. The Clerk advised that she would be attending a conference later that week and would attempt to find another contractor who could provide a third quotation.

**7. Request from Marshland Archers to use the playing field for an event**

An email had been received from Marshland Archers requesting to use the back of the playing field for an event on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2019. This would be part of a national event called the Big Weekend where clubs up and down the country, who are affiliated to Archery GB, hold taster sessions for those who would like to try archery as a sport and/or hobby. The email suggested that other groups and clubs using the Marshland Hall might also like to put on an event alongside their taster session as this would be a good opportunity to advertise the Hall along with the clubs and groups.

*That permission should be given for the event.*

*Prop: Cllr Wilkinson                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr Partridge                      Agreed*

Clerk to respond advising of decision and ask for copy of public liability insurance to cover the event. Marshland Saints FC to be advised that playing field would not be available for home matches on that day. Cllr Norman agreed to advise England's Hope FC.

**8. Agreement for next annual inspection of the Playing Field**

The contractor who carried out the annual inspection had offered to hold the price at the same amount for next year if the inspection was booked now.

*That the PC should be asked to authorise booking of the next inspection.*

*Prop: Cllr Gathercole                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Norman                      Agreed*

**9. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall**

None

**10. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field**

The Chair confirmed that Cllr Gathercole, Mr Partridge, himself and his son had carried out the repairs to the dip between the two car parks. It was not perfect but was much better than it had been. It had been noted during this work that the manhole to the French drain had not been installed correctly. Cllr Gathercole had been in touch with the contractor who had carried out the work and would chase this matter up.

The weekly inspections had still been carried out by the Chair. Cllr Gathercole advised that repairs were needed to the gateway into the play area and on both slides. New signs issued by the BC advising that dogs were not allowed within the play area also

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needed to be installed. The repairs had been identified in the annual inspection and it really should be completed before half term. Other work that would need to be considered in future was moving of the litter bin; ratchet repairs on the zip-wire; and repairs to the half-pipe.

*That the PC should be asked to authorise Cllr Gathercole to carry out the work within the play area.*

*Prop: Cllr Wilkinson*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Norman*

*Agreed*

**11. Football**

It was noted that matches were being played regularly but there was no further update.

**12. Report from user groups**

Mr Partridge had agreed to cut the hedge around the Bowling Green and would be liaising with Cllr Norman before getting the work done.

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

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed with the exception of No 7.

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

The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at the Marshland Hall from 7pm, to allow extra time for the meeting, as there was still a lot to discuss at the moment.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm