

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 11th March 2019

Present

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Norman, Gathercole.

Members – None

Four members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Mr Partridge and Miss Wabe.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

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

None.

5. Maintenance of the football pitches

Marshland Saints FC had replied to say that they had moved the training site and called off some sessions when the weather had affected the condition of the grass. It was agreed that the situation was okay at the moment.

6. Update on replacement of the Skate Ramp and refurbishment of MUGA area

The Clerk had met with another contractor last week and it was hoped that they would provide a quotation before the next meeting.

7. Request to use the Playing Field for an event

An email had been received from a company hoping to use the Marshland Hall for a family fun day for members of their staff. The email asked for permission to use an area of the playing field the size of half a football pitch on 5th May 2019 for an “it’s a knockout style” event. A discussion took place on what would be required to grant the permission and keep the remaining area of the playing field open to the public.

That permission should be given for the event as long as stakes and rope (which could be supplied) were erected around the area being used, to prevent access by the public. The company would need to manage the security of the fenced area and they would also be informed that vehicles and dogs were not allowed on the field.

Prop: Cllr Wilkinson

2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Agreed

8. Further request to move the Glass Recycling Bank

An email had been received from the resident who had previously contacted the PC about the location of the bottle bank. This was read out by the Chair. It advised the contractor had been unable to empty the bottle bank, on a date in January due to its current location, damage had been caused to the verge, which had since been repaired. The email advised that a road traffic incident could have occurred during this failed attempt at emptying the bank and surely this was further evidence that the location was unsuitable. The Clerk advised that she had contacted the contractor and they had advised that there was no safety issue with the location and the bank had been emptied since this incident. The matter was discussed with all members continuing to express the view that the current location really was the best option.

That the bottle bank should remain in the current location but that more screening could be considered, which would need to be authorised by the PC.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Wilkinson

Agreed

9. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall

Car park repairs were holding up well and the Chairman of MDCSC had advised that these repairs had really improved the situation.

10. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field

Cllr Gathercole advised that repairs had been carried out to the gateway into the play area, on both slides, the zip-wire and the half pipe. New signs advising that dogs were not allowed within the play area had also been installed. Some spraying had also been done near the main gates and grass seed was to be laid in this area when appropriate. The grass was now growing well on the field. Pressure washing of the gates and play equipment would be done when the weather improved in the spring.

11. Football

Nothing new to report.

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12. Report from user groups

Cllr Norman had recently cut the grass on the bowling green which was looking better than it had at the end of last year, however, top soil was going to be needed at the end of the next season and was likely to cost around £1000.

13. Members concerns or items for next agenda

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed with the exception of No 7 & 8.

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

The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 8th April 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 7.22pm