

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 14th October 2019

Present

Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Gathercole, Norman & Partridge. Representatives – Mr Gowler

Five members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. **Apologies**
Apologies had been received from Miss Wabe.
2. **Declarations of Interest on agenda items**
None
3. **Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 9th September 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. **Update on replacement of the Skate Ramp and refurbishment of MUGA area**
The Clerk advised that the grant application to the National Lottery Community Fund for £10k had been successful. Additional questions had been asked on another application and a decision was expected. Information on loan payments made by the PC, on a loan which was ending in February 2020, were provided. Information provided on another possible source of funding from the BC CIL fund, which could be available by the end of the year. All funding options to be explored over the next few months so that the project could go ahead in the spring.
6. **Update on the damaged culvert at the front of the playing field**
Information on companies who could provide a CCTV survey of the culvert had still not been received from the IDB, despite this being chased up. Clerk had now obtained details of local companies and would obtain quotations before the next meeting.
7. **Quotations for repair to the damage to the car park surface**
Details had recently been provided from Highways of companies who could provide a quotation for the work. The Clerk had already met with one contractor and the other one to be arranged for Wednesday. Cllrs Gathercole and Askew to attend meeting.
8. **Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall**
Cllr Partridge advised that a plan to harvest rain water for use on the bowls green was being investigated. He would keep the committee informed of progress.
9. **Maintenance of the football pitches**
Mr Gowler advised that everything was okay. They were rotating use of the pitches to prevent excessive wear.
10. **General maintenance issues at the Playing Field**
Cllr Gathercole had recently inspected the skate ramp and additional work had been completed on it since the last meeting; the condition was okay at the moment. He had also cleared out the entrance to the culvert at the front of the site. It was agreed by all that the PC should be asked to authorise the expenditure of £20 plus VAT for the soil on the bowls green to be analysed.
11. **Football**
Mr Gowler advised that the first team was currently top of the league and the youth teams were doing well. New small and large goals had been purchased and would be available on the pitches for general use by all.
12. **Report from user groups**
Cllr Wilkinson advised he had been approached by Emneth Early Childhood and Family Service to ask for permission to use the playing field for activities on Wednesday mornings from 9th October up to Christmas. They had provided a copy of their public liability insurance and he had given permission for the first date only, as this was ahead of the meeting. It was agreed by all to grant permission.
13. **Members concerns or items for next agenda**
Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.
14. **Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership**
The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 11th November 2019 at the Marshland Hall from 7.15pm.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm

Chairman..... Date.....