MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 10th February 2020

Present
Councillors – Wilkinson (Chair), Gathercole, Norman & Partridge. Representatives – Mr Gowler & Miss Wabe.
Nine members of the public Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies
No apologies received as all present.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items
None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13th January 2020
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 including quotations and planning application for flood lighting to MUGA.
Sport England had sent several emails in relation to the grant application. They had advised that the cheaper quotation for flood lighting did not meet their criteria; they suggested acceptance of the next cheapest quotation but recommended that the contractor confirm that their specifications did meet Sport England guidance, and also suggested that the PC contact the BC Planning Department to make initial enquires regarding planning permission for the flood lighting. Clerk advised that she had checked the specifications for the resurfacing of the MUGA and it was not the surface which the football teams had advised would be their preferred option; this surfacing would cost significantly more and also the MUGA would need to be enlarged which would involve a large increase in the cost of the project.

6. Update on CCTV survey of the damaged culvert at the front of the playing field
No further update.

7. Appointment of contractor to carry out the next Annual Inspection
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 same contractor should be used for the next inspection.
Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Wilkinson Agreed

8. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall
None at the moment.

9. Maintenance of the football pitches including letter from Marshland Saints FC
A letter had been received which requested permission to re-seed the areas on the goal mouths and at the side of the MUGA at the end of the current season. They requested fencing the goalmouths off to allow for the seed to root and grow after the re-seeding. A discussion took place on this request.
To grant permission for the request but to liaise with Cllr Gathercole before starting.
Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Partridge Agreed.
Due to the wet season it was agreed that the top pitch needed to be rested for a while.

10. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field
Cllr Gathercole advised that fertiliser would need to be applied to the playing field and he would ask Mr Andrew Askew to do this, as usual as he was willing to provide the fertiliser and his time free of charge. A new contractor would be needed to carry out the spraying this year. Cllr Gathercole to obtain details of options and report back.

11. Football
Mr Gowler advised the first team was currently top of the league; the reserve team had only played one game in the last 6 weeks; the youth teams were growing and growing.

12. Report from user groups
None.

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 9th March 2020 at the Marshland Hall from 7.15pm.
Meeting closed at 7.30pm

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