

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 9th November 2020

This meeting was held virtually in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present

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

Borough Councillor Long

12 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

None.

2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items

None

3. Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2020

Having been circulated before the meeting, the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record and would be signed by the Chair at the next face-to-face meeting.

4. Matters arising

None.

5. Update on replacement of the Skate Ramp and refurbishment of MUGA.

Borrowing approval by the Department for Communities and Local Government had been obtained which meant that the loan could now be taken out with the Public Works Loan Board. Cllr Wilkinson had been approached by a resident about whether it would be possible to install additional flood lights in future to cover the area of the playing field adjacent to the MUGA. The Clerk advised that she had spoken to the contractor who had said that the posts would be sufficient to hold additional lights in future if required.

6. Request regarding sign advising that CCTV was in operation 24/7.

The Hall committee had advised that they had managed to obtain the signs and the cost was to be covered by a member of the public.

To approve installation of the signs.

Prop: Cllr Norman

2nd: Mr Gowler

Agreed.

7. Re-opening of the play area.

The Clerk provided information regarding reopening of the play area in Tilney St Lawrence; signs had been obtained from the BC at a cost of £150, but these signs were no longer available, however the BC could provide A2 signs at a cost of £8 each with a minimum order of £20, and they would need to be collected from King's Lynn. Tilney St Lawrence had cleaned and repainted their play equipment prior to reopening. A risk assessment would need to be completed before the area could be reopened. The Clerk advised that she had also obtained advice from the PC insurers who had advised that the PC was not covered for any claims relating to Covid 19, as all insurers were now excluding this from their policy, however they expected that any claims made would be unsuccessful, but councils would be liable for any legal fees to defend claims made. Cllr Norman volunteered to pay for the cost of 3 signs which would be £24 and to collect them.

To ask the PC to approve re-opening of the play area once the signs had been installed and a risk assessment completed.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole

2nd: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

8. Update on CCTV survey of the damaged culvert at the front of the playing field

The meeting had taken place with the contractor and members of the PC, PFMP and the Clerk. Cllr Gathercole had managed to unblock the pipe at the playing field end but the pipe at the other end was blocked up with silt and would need jetting out. It was agreed that the PC should be asked to authorise obtaining a quotation from All Clear Drainage to clear the blocked pipe. Clerk to ask IDB about ownership of dyke and pass copy of survey to Mr Gowler.

9. Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall

None at the moment.

10. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field

Cllr Gathercole and Norman had repaired some of the bad pot holes in the car park and used 6 bags of tarmac. It was estimated that a further 8 bags would be needed to complete the job. It was agreed to ask the PC to authorise the rest of the work needed.

11. Access to car park for the mobile library.

The mobile library was currently having to park on the side of the road as there was no

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one at the Hall to open the barrier when it arrived. Cllr Gathercole agreed to unlock the barrier if he was provided with dates and times of the visits from the mobile library.

12. Maintenance of the football pitches

Cllr Gathercole mentioned that the goals and nets needed to be moved. Mr Gowler advised that this had recently been done.

13. Football

Mr Gowler advised that Marshland Saints FC had won their cup final.

14. Report from user groups

None.

15. Members concerns or items for next agenda

Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.

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

The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 14th December 2020 from 7.00pm. This meeting would be held virtually.

Meeting closed at 7.27pm