MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 12th October 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. Representatives – Mr Gowler & Miss Wabe. 5 members of the public Clerk – S Thorpe

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Thorpe.

- 2. Declarations of Interest on agenda items
- None

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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

Borough Council had advised that the litter bin was still being emptied every week. Cllr Norman confirmed that it had been emptied recently.

Cllr Norman to remove the rest of the panels from the skate ramp as it was still being used.

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

The queries raised from the application for borrowing approval by the Department for Communities and Local Government had been answered and the Clerk had been informed that the application had now been passed to the approver. It was hoped that this meant the approval would soon be issued. The planning application for the flood lighting had been submitted by the contractor who would install the lighting.

6. Possible new community projects for the playing field.

Following a post on social media the following suggestions had been received which could be considered: outdoor gym equipment; more play equipment for children; small outdoor splash area; flood lighting; trim trail, cycle path with mounds; track around perimeter for running, walking and keeping fit; model of combine harvester for play area. It was agreed a list of these suggestions should be kept and considered again at the appropriate time when funding allowed.

7. Valuation of strip of land adjacent to the bowls green and approximately 4 acres of land at the rear of the playing field.

It was agreed that this matter did not need to be discussed at this meeting and would be considered by the PC in their meeting.

8. Requests to use the playing field.

There had not been any further requests.

Request to install posts and temporary sign advertising when the Hall and 9. Tearoom are open.

The Hall had made a request to install wooden posts on the grass area between the ditch at the front of the site and the car park to attach a new banner sign advertising when the tea room and hall was open. Also, to temporarily place a scarecrow or two in the area between 24th October and 1st November.

To approve both requests on the conditions stated in the request. 2nd: Cllr Gathercole

Prop: Cllr Norman

Agreed.

10. Re-opening of the play area.

It was agreed that the Clerk should investigate the cost of a sign similar to the one installed in Tilney St Lawrence and look at the details of a risk assessment which would be needed. Item to be considered again at next meeting.

Update on CCTV survey of the damaged culvert at the front of the plaving field 11. The Clerk advised that she had not had time to arrange the meeting with the contractor. She would try to do this over the next few days.

- Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall 12.
- None at the moment.

13. General maintenance issues at the Playing Field including spraying and strimmina.

CGM had provided a quotation of £37.50 + VAT per occasion to strim the bank and £25.00 + VAT per occasion to apply herbicide to some areas around the site. It was suggested the strimming should be done in late April and July and the spraying in April,

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June and August.

To ask the PC to include the above in the maintenance contract for 2021.

Prop: Cllr Gathercole 2^{nd} : Cllr NormanAgreed.Cllr Gathercole advised that there were several bad pot holes in the car park which
needed attention before the winter. Cllr Gathercole and Cllr Norman were willing to
carry out these repairs if this was authorised by the PC.

14. Request to use dug outs during matches and store neat the MUGA.

An email had been received from Marshland Saints FC advising that if their first team wished to progress to the next stage in the football system they would need dug outs. They had a local businessman who was willing to make and supply them. They would be on wheels so they could be moved after every match and locked so they do not get abused. They were writing to get permission to have them out on the field during match days but also store them neat the MUGA when the game had finished. Mr Gowler advised that they would be made of Perspex and include seats. Marshland Saints FC would cut the grass under where they were stored and they would be included in the football teams insurance policy.

To give permission for the use of dug outs and storage of them at the site.Prop: Cllr Wilkinson2nd: Cllr GathercoleAgreed.

15. Maintenance of the football pitches

Cllr Gathercole advised that he would get the IDB to trim the hedge when weather conditions allowed; there was one branch which definitely needed attention.

16. Football

No issues at the moment.

17. Report from user groups

None.

- 18. Members concerns or items for next agenda
- Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.
- **19. Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership** The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 9th November 2020 from 7.00pm. This meeting would be held virtually.

Meeting closed at 7.31pm

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