

## MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 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) Norman & Thorpe. Representatives – Mr Gowler & Miss Wabe.  
3 members of the public Clerk – S Thorpe

1. **Apologies**  
Apologies had been received from Cllr Gathercole.
2. **Declarations of Interest on agenda items**  
None
3. **Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 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.**  
Fenland Leisure Products (FLP) had provided an updated quotation. An application for borrowing approval had been submitted to the Department for Communities and Local Government; a response had been received which raised a significant number of queries and would take the Clerk some time to provide the information requested.
6. **Possible new community projects for the playing field.**  
Suggestions so far were charging points for electric vehicles and outdoor gym equipment. Residents to be encouraged to submit any other options for consideration.
7. **Impact of possible sale of strip of land adjacent to the bowls green and purchase of approximately 4 acres of land at the rear of the playing field.**  
The possible sale and purchase of the land was discussed. No one was opposed.
8. **Requests to use the playing field**
  - a. Dance classes – a request had been received to use the field for classes whilst they were unable to use the Hall. Information, including Public Liability Insurance (PLI) and details of classes had been provided.
  - b. Farmers Market – a request had been received from the Marshland Hall committee to use the Hall for a Farmers Market on 30<sup>th</sup> August and 4<sup>th</sup> October. Information, including PLI and details of times had been provided.
  - c. Yoga classes – a request had been received to ask for permission to use the field for yoga classes. Information, including PLI and details of times had been provided. It was agreed to give permission for all of the above on the same conditions as previously agreed for other requests.
9. **Issues at the playing field**
  - a. Litter and rubbish collection – Cllr Gathercole had asked the Clerk to mention that he felt there was still an issue. Cllr Norman advised that the BC were not emptying the bin on a Thursday of the green bin collection week, which was contributing to the problem. It was also noted that we were heading into the winter period when the playing field is usually quieter. Cllr Wilkinson and Mr Gowler agreed to try and assist when possible with collecting up rubbish from bins around the site.  
*To hold off with entering into any contract until after the winter.*  
*Prop: Cllr Wilkinson                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Cllr Norman    Agreed.*
  - b. Additional signs for the playing field – Cllr Gathercole had obtained some additional signs advising that dogs were not allow on the playing field. Cllr Norman agreed to install them.
  - c. Signs regarding closure of the skate ramp – the area had been taped off and additional signs had been installed to confirm that the skate ramp was closed, as it was unsafe for use. The signs and tape had been removed by members of the public. It was felt that the best option was to prevent use of the ramp by removing some of the boards.  
*To ask the PC to authorise removal of some of the boards by Cllr Norman & Miss Wabe. Prop: Cllr Wilkinson                      2<sup>nd</sup>: Mr Gowler    Agreed.*
10. **Update on CCTV survey of the damaged culvert at the front of the playing field**  
The contractor had attended the site and provided a report. Cllr Gathercole had suggested a meeting at the site with the contractor so that he could explain his findings. Mr Gowler asked to be informed of the date of the meeting.

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- 11. **Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall**  
None at the moment.
- 12. **Maintenance of the football pitches**  
No issues at the moment.
- 13. **General maintenance issues at the Playing Field**  
The hedge on one side of the site was overhanging and needed trimming. Cllr Wilkinson agreed to speak to Cllr Gathercole about contact the IDB as they usually cut the hedge for us.
- 14. **Football**  
No issues at the moment.
- 15. **Report from user groups**  
None.
- 16. **Members concerns or items for next agenda**  
Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed as well as two emails from Mr Gowler.
- 17. **Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership**  
The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 from 7.00pm. This meeting would be held virtually.

Meeting closed at 7.26pm