

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playing Field Management Partnership held on 11th January 2021

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 & Thorpe.

5 members of the public

Clerk – S Thorpe

1. **Apologies**
Cllr Partridge and Borough Cllr Long.
2. **Declarations of Interest on agenda items**
None
3. **Confirm minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 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**
The majority of the old skate ramp had now been removed with just a small amount of the wooden parts left to remove.
6. **Quotations for repairs to the play equipment**
The Clerk had contacted four additional providers to obtain quotes, one was not willing to quote, one wanted to charge for a quote and two were to provide a quote, but these had not yet been received.
7. **Appointment of contractor to carry out annual inspection of play equipment**
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 PC should be asked to reappoint the same contractor for the next inspection. Prop: Cllr Norman 2nd: Cllr Gathercole Agreed.
8. **Update on the drainage issue at the front of the playing field**
Cllr Thorpe and Cllr Gathercole had assessed the whole of the ditch from Smeeth Road to Hope Lane and identified areas where maintenance by landowners was required. The contractor who had jetted the system would be returning to carry out a second jetting. It was agreed to refer the matter to the PC to ask them to get the Clerk to contact King's Lynn IDB for letters to be send to the relevant landowners, reminding them of their responsibilities to keep their ditches clear. It was expected that the problem could be resolved by the autumn after the summer harvest.
9. **Issues connected to the new Marshland Hall**
None.
10. **General maintenance issues at the Playing Field**
None.
11. **Maintenance of the football pitches**
Mr Gowler had advised that the goal posts/nets had not been moved off the pitch as they were heavy and moving them might cause damage to the pitch whilst it was wet. He felt that they were not in the way, whilst no maintenance was taking place. Clerk to contact Mr Gowler and ask for them to be moved by the end of January as maintenance would be taking place again in February.
12. **Football**
None.
13. **Report from user groups**
None.
14. **Members concerns or items for next agenda**
Items to remain on the agenda as already agreed.
15. **Date of next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership**
The next meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership would be on 8th February 2021 from 7.00pm. This meeting would be held virtually.

Meeting closed at 7.14pm

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