

MARSHLAND ST JAMES PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Playing Field Management Partnership Held on 9th October 2023

Minute No 23/1024

Attendance, and to receive consider and accept apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1)

Elected Members	Present	Absent	Apologies
Cllr Gathercole	Yes		
Cllr Morgan		Yes	No
Cllr Partridge	Yes		
Cllr Wilkinson	Yes		
Mr Gowler		Yes	Yes
Mrs Gowler		Yes	Yes

Also present:

Neil Watson – Clerk to the Council

3 members of the public

Minute No	Agenda Item	Discussion
	2. To receive declarations of interest on agenda items	None
23/1025	3. To approve the minutes of the meeting on 11 th September 2023	The minutes were accepted by acclaim and duly signed
	4. Matters arising	None
	5. To discuss any matters connected to the Marshland Hall	None
	6. To discuss any general maintenance issues at the playing field	Two members of this committee (and the Clerk) attended a playground safety training course on 13 th September. The external course was held at Marshland Hall which naturally led to the Parish Council play area being used for the practical exercises. These exercises led to a number of concerns being raised about the condition of some of the equipment; the Clerk instructed an immediate full safety inspection to provide a record of the concerns. Following receipt of that report the Vice-Chair of the committee met with a representative of Fenland Leisure on the day of this meeting to discuss its content.
23/1026	a) Playground equipment repairs	The multi-play equipment to the centre of the play area has been fenced off while research is done whether to repair or replace the piece. In the meantime, the two old basketball nets should be removed, and it is noted that the on-mound slide is nearing the end of its life. The two gate closures need attention, and the zip wire requires re-tensioning. PFMP recommend that the annual safety inspection be brought forward to give an independent yardstick, and the Clerk start looking for quotes and grant aid. All to be passed forward to full Council this evening
	7. To discuss maintenance of the football pitches	Ongoing for the new season

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23/1027	8. Football	The season has started, and all is going well. The Chair questioned whether formal teams not affiliated to Marshland FC are using the pitches and asked the Clerk to write to the football club accordingly.
23/1028	9. Reports from user groups	The Bowls Club have claimed £210 for top-dressing materials. The Bowls Club are to be congratulated on the high standard of the greens and for their hard work in achieving this – which they see as an essential step to achieving County standard in due course. The Bowls Club are hoping to invest in a piece of equipment to sweep away worm casts etc from the green.
	10. Receive members concerns and matters to be included on next agenda	None
	11. Confirm date and time of next meeting	Monday 13 th November 2023 at 7.00pm at Marshland Hall
	Meeting Closed	7.24 pm

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