

Playing fields and Playgrounds Committee Meeting held on 19th September 2007 at 7.30 pm at the Parish Council Offices.

Present at the meeting: Cllrs, P Lightfoot (chair), M Beresford, J Habgood V Ayres, P Taylor, and J Peake

1. Apologies noted from Cllrs J Stephens

2. Minutes of meeting on 30th August 2007 proposed as accurate by Cllr Beresford and seconded by Cllr Lightfoot. Agreed

3. Actions raised at previous meeting. The Clerk updated the Committee on actions raised at previous meeting.

4. Review of Current projects.

- Refurbishment of Pecked Lane and Millham Road –
Discussions needed between Clerk and Cllr Beresford to answer queries from possible contractor.
It was agreed to consider changing floor surfaces to the grass mat safety surfaces in view of vandalism.
- Finlay Way Play area –
Legal wording agreed. Clerk to email Solicitors with confirmation.
Best Value working party to be requested to review our present legal representatives.
A public display of potential designs has been organised for the 13th October 2007 and notices to be distributed to local residents, notice boards and local schools.
Cllr Taylor to invite TBC representative (R Hainsworth).
Entries from the local children who took place in the first round of public consultation were placed in a box and a winner was drawn out by Cllr V Ayres. It was agreed that a book token would be purchased from a local book shop and would be charged to the Chairman Allowance.
- Web Page
Cllr Habgood informed the Committee that a proto type was now done and asked Councillors to look at it and to give him some feedback. As the web page would cover more than just playing fields and playgrounds, it was agreed that the Newsletter working group would take the project on.
- Kayte Lane Lease.
Councillors discussed the new lease being proposed by the County Council and were concerned about the changes. The committee instructed the clerk to refer the matter to our legal advisers. The clerk was instructed to inform the County Council of this action.
- Vandalism at Nottingham Road play area.
Grass mat surface discussed and it was agreed to make further enquiries re costs and suitability
Cllr Beresford proposed that the swings should be removed from the damaged area to prevent any injuries. The clerk was instructed to ask the Gloucestershire Echo to publish a notice to this effect

5. Forward Plan.

The forward plan was discussed and amendments were agreed for the Clerk to implement.

- Items to be added to the Forward Plan include
New gates at the Sports Field in 08/09
Sluice gate repairs at Pecked Lane in 08/09
Skate Park at the Sports field to be prioritised after Finlay Way is completed.
A seat in Nottingham Road Playarea

6. Authorisation of invoices/Quotations

- Committee authorised payment of invoice to O'Brien and Price regarding bridge work at Sports field at time of original project.
- Quotations accepted for work to clear nettles from play areas. Quotations within standing order limits. Work will not include clearing down the sides of the banks of brooks.
- Concern expressed over Millham Road brook and a possible blockage near the bridge. Clerk instructed to investigate.

7. Income and Expenditure Account

- Monthly income and expenditure noted

8. Budget

- Clerk submitted a breakdown of income /expenditure against agreed budget figures for Councillors to consider. Cllr Beresford proposed that the Clerk be congratulated for producing a workable document.

9. Sports Field

- Election of Councillor to sit on the Sports field user group. Cllr Beresford and Cllr Ayres proposed and seconded Cllr Stephens to sit on the sports field user group. All agreed.
- There was confirmation that there had been no further progress on the Bowls Club Lease. The proposed meeting between Cllr Beresford and the Bowls Club Manager to agree a practical answer to the problems identified was still to be arranged.
- It was agreed that the Clerk was now able to take bookings for the season for regular users.

11. Play grounds

- Cllr Habgood attended a playground inspection with Ken White during September and gave a verbal report.
- The current grass cutting arrangement allowed for one more grass cut to take place before October.
- A copy of the grass cutting specification had been sent to TBC.
- The Clerk was instructed to contact the Gloucestershire Orchard Society to see if the pear trees in Pecked Lane were of interest to them

12. Correspondence –

- Cllr Peake has been approached by residents requesting that the play area known as Nottingham Road, be renamed as it is not accessible from Nottingham Road. After discussions it was agreed that as it did not have an official name, it would be difficult to rename it.

13. Date of next meeting- Playgrounds 18th October 2007

Date of Sports Field users group meeting – 11th October 2007

Meeting closed 9.45 pm

Signed.....dated 18th October 2007