

Minutes of St Dennis Playing Fields held online on Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7.00 pm

Trustees Present: Cllr Clarke, Cllr Taylor, Cllr Harwood, Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, Cllr Lodomez, Cllr Howard.

In Attendance: Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk.

PF 13/20 - Apologies

Received from: Cllr Mr N Edmunds. Apologies noted. Cllr Kelsey absent.

PF 14/20 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Harwood declared an interest as Parish Councillor in the running of the Playing Field Trust.

A Dispensation was granted to Cllr Harwood for a period of 12 months as without the dispensation the number of persons unable to participate in the transaction of business would be so great as to impede the transaction of business and the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the authority's area.

PF 15/20 - Public Participation

None

PF 16/20 – To adopt the minutes dated 9th 2020.

It was Resolved – To adopt the minutes of the 9th February 2020. Proposed by Cllr Taylor, seconded by Cllr Howard. Cllr Harwood abstained as not present at the last meeting. All others present in favour.

PF 17/20 – Matters Arising.

The clerk informed that following a site visit with a tree surgeon to obtain a price for routine maintenance. Ash die back has been identified within the trees at the lower boundary.

A tree survey has been recommended to ascertain the extent of the spread and identify the work required.

It was noted that a full tree survey is required in January and it was agreed that the date be bought forward. All trees that are under the responsibility of the Parish Council are to be surveyed. Clerk to obtain a price for the work and a decision will be made via email.

Proposed by Cllr Howard seconded by Cllr Taylor all in favour.

The paint agreed at the last meeting has been purchased and the bench has been painted.

PF 18/20 – To discuss and agree the quotation for the extension of the Playing Field fence.

Following discussions, it was noted that if the fence were to be installed this would encourage people to climb the new gate to gain entry to the Playing Field, which may cause damage to the gate.

Resolved – To agree the costs of the fencing extension of £518 + VAT. Before this work is carried out a price is to be obtained to make the existing gate climb proof. Quotations to be circulated to all councillors for agreement. Proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Howard all in favour.

PF 19/20 – To discuss and agree the repair costs for the work required identified in the recent ROSPA Report.

Resolved – To accept the price from SNC Playground Specialists for the work.

PF 20/20 - To discuss recent Issues within the Playing Field.

Complaints received the morning of the meeting regarding a group of youths camping in the Playing Field, causing a nuisance to residents with excessive noise on the night of the 10th August. Cllr Clarke and the clerk attended and spoke with 3 people about the incident advising that this was not allowed and asking them to pass the message to those who were there. The complainant has been advised to call the police if there are any further incidents. The clerk informed that there have been several incidents vandalism and anti-social behaviour reported into the office since the area has been re-opened there has also been a big increase in litter throughout the Playing Field.

This was discussed at length and it was agreed that the clerk contact the Anti-Social Behaviour Team within Cornwall Council to seek advice.

PF 21/20 – To discuss an action plan to alleviate parking issues at the lower entrance of the Playing Field.

Cllr Clarke put forward a suggestion that new signage may help to alleviate some of the issues. No decision was made as it was felt when this entrance has been closed off the cars will park elsewhere and there will be no issue.

Resolved – To arrange a meeting with the landowners to discuss the problem.

PF 22/20 To discuss the banning of dogs from the Playing Field.

The clerk informed that the survey presently shows 61.5% of residents are in favour of a complete ban on dogs. This item was discussed at length with conflicting views on how to proceed. signage

So, it was resolved – to allow the survey to run until the end of August and to make a decision based on resident's views.

PF 23/20 To agree the financial figures of the Playing Field budget as at the 31st July 2020.

Resolved – To agree the figures as presented. Proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds all in favour.

Standing order 3e

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are requested to withdraw.

PF 24/20 Confidential items –

Meeting arranged to review admin applications.

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10 pm.

Chairman of St Dennis Playing Fields

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