

Minutes of St Dennis Playing Fields held online on Tuesday 9th March
2021 at 7.00pm

Trustees Present: Cllr Clarke (Chair), Cllr Mr N Edmunds (Vice Chair), Cllr Harwood, Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, Cllr Lodomez, Cllr Kelsey, Cllr Howard, Cllr Jones, Cllr Sinnott.

In Attendance: Lynn Clarke Parish Clerk

PF 36/20 - Apologies

Cllr Burnett. Apologies accepted.

PF 37/20 - Declarations of Interest

Cllr Jones and Cllr Sinnott declared an interest as Parish Councillors in the running of the Playing Field Trust.

The Clerk granted a dispensation to the above Councillors for a period of 2 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.

Cllr Harwood and Cllr Howard joined the meeting at 7.05pm

PF 38/20 - Public Participation

None

PF 39/20 – To adopt the minutes dated 10th November 2020.

It was Resolved – To adopt the minutes of the 10th November 2020. Proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Kelsey. Cllr Howard, Cllr Jones and Cllr Sinnott abstained as not present at the last meeting. All others present in favour.

PF 40/20 – Matters Arising.

Dog's on leads and no dog fouling signage have been purchased.

Funds have been transferred.

All other matters are on the agenda.

PF 41/20 – To agree actions to stop people climbing over the new fencing at the lower entrance.

Cllr Clarke has met with the contractor and they have advised the fencing can be painted with anti-climb paint. Cllr Clarke informed that people also going under the gate to gain access.

It was Resolved – To paint the top of the fencing and the bottom of the gate with anti-climb paint. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Howard, all in favour. The clerk gave the costs for the paint and signage of £32.78. **It was Resolved –** to approve the costs. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Howard, all in favour.

PF 42/20 - To receive an update on the consultation for the banning of dogs within the playing field.

The results and types of survey were discussed at length.

It was Resolved – To trial the new signage and see if it makes a difference to dog owners' behaviour. To conduct a further survey with a wider audience in the future. Proposed by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Kelsey, all in favour.

PF 43/20 – To discuss an agree fly tipping clearance from behind the lower boundary fence.

Resolved – To schedule in the removal when the weather and ground conditions improve using our staff to help with the loading. As the prices for the waste removal were very similar, to use either of the contractor's dependant on who is available at the time. Proposed by Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Mr N Edmunds, all in favour. **It was Resolved** - To write to all residents in the area informing of the potential cost that could be passed on to each household for the removal of the rubbish. Proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds all in favour.

PF 44/20 - To discuss options for the steps in the Playing Field.

It was resolved – To obtain quotations for the steps to be replaced in wood. Proposed by Cllr Sinnott, seconded by Cllr Harwood, all in favour.

PF 45/20 To discuss any actions required from the clerk's inspection and report.

Teen Shelter (near the gym equipment) has surface rust this could do with being wire brushed and painted with a rust prohibitor paint, then a topcoat. **Resolved** – For our staff to carry out the work and for any additional paint and material/equipment costs to be agree via email. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Sinnott, all in favour.

The wall near the playing field shed needs the ivy removed in places. There is however a bow in the wall that may require further investigation, concerns raised that if the Ivy is removed this may compromise the structure of the wall. **Action** – Cllr Sinnott will investigate and report back to the Council.

Ivy removal is required all the way along the fencing from the top entrance to the lower entrance. **Resolved** – For our staff to cut this back. Proposed by Cllr Clarke seconded by Cllr Mr N Edmunds all in favour.

The boundary from the skate park to the bottom corner, brambles and undergrowth are coming through the fencing. This needs to be cleared from behind the fence. **Resolved** – To carry out this work alongside the removal of the fly tipping. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds, seconded by Cllr Kelsey, all in favour.

The wet pour surface around the green roundabout is showing significant signs of wear there is also a gap appearing at the edge of the wet pour where the edging has separated and sunk. The clerk informed that quotes were currently being obtained for the work and the replacement of the gate at the top entrance due to noticeable wear. **Resolved** – To wait until three quotes have been obtained and a decision to be made via email. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds seconded by Cllr Howard all in favour.

Wooden edging on the path that leads to the skate park need to be replaced or removed this is showing signs of rot and is breaking apart. **Resolved** – To remove and backfill with earth. Proposed by Cllr Mr N Edmunds seconded by Cllr Howard all in favour.

Area surrounding the red bench at the top of the skate park is suffering from soil erosion leaving large stones protruding from the surface. **Action** – Clerk to obtain quotes for the area to be concreted to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

PF 46/20 To agree the cost of the Playing field inspection report 2021.

Resolved – To agree the cost of £233.50 + VAT for the inspection. Proposed by Cllr Kelsey, seconded by Cllr Mrs T Edmunds, all in favour.

PF 47/20 To agree the re-opening date for the lower section of the Playing Field.

Resolved – To re-open the area on the 29th March providing the government guidance does not change. Proposed by Cllr Howard, 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 48/20 Confidential items –

None

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05 pm.

Chairman of St Dennis Playing Fields

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