

Elsenham Parish Council - Playing Field Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held on 18 December 2019, at Old Frank's

Present: L Johnson, P J Johnson, F Lambert, J Minor, G Mott, P E Clear.

1. Apologies:

A Warwick..

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

2.1 Approval: The minutes of the meeting of 16 October were agreed as a true record.

2.2 Review of Actions:

Bollard to be righted. Completed.

Play area surface repair. See below.

Gate to Station Road. See below.

CCTV. See below

Tennis Club lease. See below.

Playing field maintenance, budgetary quote. Completed.

3. General Maintenance:

Inspection update: There is a small hole in the boundary fence near the EYFC container. To be monitored and repaired if necessary (Action: LJ).

Repairs to Play Surface: SSP Ltd failed to respond to our requests for further information. Mortimer Contracts were contacted and a visit arranged. Mr Mortimer provided a quote which was approved at the last EPC meeting, and the work is being carried out.

Gate to Station Road: RoSPA advised that a guard fence will still require a gate to be provided. Mortimer provided a quote for repair of the present gate using a repair kit to be purchased by EPC. This was agreed at the last EPC meeting and the work has been carried out.

Repair is required to the block paving path. The quote from Mortimer was approved, and the work is to be carried out.

Proposal to provide a path in the play area, from the entrance gate to the nearer Multiplay: It was agreed to seek advice from RoSPA on the suitability of a hard surface path (Action: LJ).

Proposal to install a light on the new pole at the top car park. This was agreed in principle, to a maximum cost of £400. Quotes to be obtained (Action: LJ).

4. CCTV:

A response to the email of 6 December, from Sgt Simon Miah of Essex Police, providing details of the documentation we have in place, is to be sent. Sgt Miah can also be informed that our system is now operational. (Action: LJ).

A Hathaway, on behalf of the ECA, has requested that the agreement the ECA has with the EPC specifies the amount the EPC will remunerate the ECA for the power the system consumes. Agreed this will be measured and communicated to the ECA. (Action: PEC/LJ).

An Agreement regarding access to the system is to be discussed with A Hathaway (Action: PJ/PEC).

Arrangements with UDC regarding an SIA licence are ongoing. (Action: LJ).

5. Tennis Club:

Nockolds have confirmed Tennis Club trustees are required and that Land Registry registration is required. A meeting is to be arranged with the Tennis Club to discuss.(Action: PEC/LJ).

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6. Proposal for Adult Gym:

Further information requested regarding the equipment proposed and associated costs has not been received from the village resident who raised the topic.

However, coincidentally, we received an invitation to a presentation, at Saffron Walden recreation ground, given by "tgo" the manufacturer of the gym equipment installed there.

F Lambert and P Clear attended. It proved interesting and catalogues showing the equipment available were provided.

The representative of the company for this area, Steve Elliott, offered to give a presentation to the committee. It was agreed to invite him to attend a PFC meeting in February next year.(Action: PEC)

7. Playing Field Access:

The suggestion by Paul Jarvis to install a gate to the Playing Field in the northern boundary was discussed. It was pointed out, however, that there is a "ransom strip" retained by Crown Estates along that boundary. It was felt that any discussion regarding access would not be productive, and it was agreed not to pursue the suggestion further.

8. Budget for 2020:

Earthworms Groundcare have advised that the application of a top-dressing on the playing field will be advisable next year, cost approximately £2k. Funds unspent this year should be available for this purpose. Noted that playing field maintenance costs are shared equally with the EYFC.

9. Next Meeting:

Proposed February. Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 9:00 pm. Thanks to everyone who attended
