

Elsenham Parish Council - Playing Field Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held on 27 May 2020 by internet Zoom session

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

1. Apologies:

None.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

2.1 Approval: The minutes of the meeting of 18 December 2019 were agreed as a true record.

2.2 Review of Actions:

Hole in boundary fence: See below.

Play area surface repair: See below.

Gate to Station Road repair: Completed.

Block paving repair: See below.

Play area path. See below.

Light for top car park: Completed.

CCTV: Response to Sgt Miah of Essex Police: Completed.

Power consumption info to ECA: Completed.

Access agreement with ECA. Ongoing (PJ, PEC)

SIA Licence, liaison with UDC. Ongoing (LJ).

Playing field maintenance: See below.

Outdoor Gym: See below.

Tennis Club lease. See below.

3. General Maintenance:

Inspection update: No further damage to the fence, but continue to monitor.(Action: LJ).

Repairs to Play Surface: The gaps in the paving have been filled, but some small gaps have reappeared, probably due to inadequate haunching of the concrete surround. Mr Mortimer will refill the gaps; on site meeting to be arranged (Action: LJ).

Repair to the block paving path. The agreed areas have been reset, but more areas may require to be reset; to be checked at site meeting with Mr Mortimer (Action LJ, PEC).

Proposal to provide a path from the play area entrance gate to the nearer Multiplay: RoSPA have advised that a hard surface path is acceptable, provided there were no trip hazards. A quote has been provided by Mr Mortimer, to be reviewed at site meeting (Action LJ, PEC).

4. CCTV:

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

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

A draft maintenance programme to be finalised (Action: PJ, PEC).

The EYFC goals have been moved from their storage position, locks having been removed. Those areas of the field are not viewed by the CCTV. EYFC to be advised to move the goals to a monitored location, so that any interference is observed (Action: PEC).

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5. Tennis Club:

A meeting was held with the Tennis Club to discuss the proposed lease. A number of issues were raised by the Club; these need to be considered and a response provided to the Club. Any changes will need to be discussed and agreed with Nockolds, and Land Registry registration arranged (Action: PJ, PEC, LJ).

6. Playing Field Maintenance:

It was agreed Earthworms Groundcare should proceed with the weed & feed spray, and the field top dressing, which are included in the current budget.

It was also agreed that, as gesture of goodwill, the EYFC would not be asked for their financial contribution to the maintenance for the first quarter of this financial year.

7. Proposal for Adult Gym:

The representative of The Great Outdoor Gym Company (TGO) for this area, Steve Elliott, gave a presentation to the committee in February, which was well received. In view of the cost involved in the purchase and installation of equipment, it was agreed that our village residents would be asked, by way of social media, whether such equipment would be welcomed - and worth the investment. (Action: AW, LJ).

TGO to be contacted to seek information on the potential cost and any advice on available grants. Also, what they advocate regarding routine inspection. (Action: PEC).

Saffron Walden Council also to be contacted to ask if they had experienced any damage or vandalism or 'boot camp' activity on their equipment (Action: LJ).

8. Wild Flower Area:

EROWOS have asked if they could take over the management of the area between the play area and the copse. This was agreeable in principle, but EROWOS to be asked for more details and information on what they are intending for the area (Action: LJ).

9. Next Meeting:

Proposed mid July. Date to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at approximately 12:30 pm. Thanks to everyone who attended
