

Elsenham Parish Council - Playing Field Committee

Minutes of Meeting Held on 4 February 2021 by internet Zoom session.

Present: L Johnson (LJ), A Buonocore (AB), I Curlewis (IC), F Lambert (FL), J Minor (JM), S Waite (SW), G Mott (GM), P E Clear (PEC).

1. Apologies:

None

2. Minutes of Last Meeting:

2.1 Approval: The minutes of the meeting of 23 November 2020 were agreed as a true record.

2.2 Review of Actions:

Repair to fence: Completed.

SIA Licence: UDC to be contacted to determine situation. (Action: LJ).

ECA Boundary plan: Completed.

Tennis Club lease. Ongoing.

Mobile Burger Bar request. Completed.

Litter bin in the DWH play area. Referred to Council.

3. General Maintenance:

Inspection update: Nothing to report.

Play area path: A Community Project Grant for 50% of quoted cost has been obtained. Work is now underway. Following an on-site review of the area concerned, which is extensively wet and muddy, it was agreed to increase the width of the path to 1.8m. The additional cost is to be advised the contractor, but is expected to not exceed £1k. Money is available in the Playing Field reserve.

It was agreed that, in view of the deteriorating surface condition, it may be desirable to safety-pave more areas within the Play area, and that this was a matter that should be investigated further in due course.

4. CCTV:

The finalised CCTV documentation has been adopted by Council, and has been posted on the EPC website.

ECA access:: It was agreed to write to the ECA, to advise that the CCTV Code of Practice Section 5.1 provides the information regarding allowed access to the system. (Action LJ/PEC)

Annual CCTV maintenance contract. Mr Rhodes has expressed an interest in providing routine maintenance for the CCTV system. A formal quotation has been requested and is awaited. To be followed up (Action LJ).

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5. Proposal for an Outdoor Gym:

The working group continues to make enquiries regarding the setting up of a charity, under the aegis of the EPC, to provide more opportunities for grant funding. Other local Parish Councils have done this successfully, and can perhaps provide advice.

The setting up of a charity could well be of benefit in other areas, such as improvements to the chapel, and also in the management of the proposed Community Hall.

In view of the potential cost involved in providing an Outdoor Gym, even with grant assistance, it was agreed that it may be desirable to seek more opinions from village residents regarding its desirability. This to be addressed at the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting:

The date of the next meeting is to be agreed.

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