

Elsenham Parish Council

Playing Field Committee Meeting held at 7.00pm in Old Franks, Elsenham on Wednesday 25 April 2024

MINUTES

Present:

Mrs. S Waite (Chair SW), Mrs. B Donald, Mrs. F Lambert (FL), Mr. P Jarvis (PJ)
Dr. G Mott (GM) and Mrs. L Johnson (Parish Clerk, LJ)

Members of the public: 0

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Mr. J Minor (JM).
- 2. Declaration of Interests:** PJ declared an interest in the Football Club.
- 3. Open to the public:** None.
- 4. Approval of the minutes held on 27 March 2024.**
The minutes of the meeting were agreed by all members and signed by the Chair SW.
- 5. Items brought forward from the meeting on 27 March 2024.**
 - 5.1. Weeds in the Children's play area and open space on Isabel Drive.**
LJ to ask Mick Burke (MB) for a quote to weed the paths in Isabel Drive play area and the open space opposite. Long-term, the paths may require resurfacing and the timber replacing.
 - 5.2. Weeds in Leigh Way.**
MB has now removed all the weeds. Completed.
 - 5.3. Grass growing through the new paths in the children's play area.**
There is a lot more grass growing through the paths. LJ to take photos and send them to Dania, asking them to do something about this urgently.
 - 5.4. Is Dania guarantee for the play equipment an insurance backed guarantee?**
There has been no reply from Dania. LJ to chase.
 - 5.5. Bag of sand in the children's play area.** Removed.
 - 5.6. Meeting to be arranged with EYFC, suggested by email on 5 March.**
LJ to arrange a meeting with SW, representing the Playing Field Committee, GM representing the Community Centre Committee and Bob Burlton representing the Finance Committee, with the Chair and members from the Elsenham Football Club. Some of the issues to be discussed are; invoices, grant funding, maintenance, attending playing field meetings.

6. Playing Field and Play Area.

LJ to ask Dania to supply a missing cap from the climbing frame.

Paths in the children's play area, how and when to proceed.

GM said there was £6,000 in the maintenance budget, £4,000 for new paths and £2,000 for any other maintenance required during the year. This would not cover the cost of doing all the paths together and GM suggested the quotes should be obtained for the new paths with a budget of £4,000, although there could be some leeway by using some of the £2,000. Further paths would then be installed over the next couple of years, until all ten paths were completed. BD said she was in favour of all the paths being completed this year. The paths needed doing, it would give some regularity to the colour, prices are increasing each year, and it would cost less to be done in one go. The cost of the paths could be taken from the Isabel Drive Play area Section 106 funding. Not all members agreed with more funds being taken from the Section 106 funds. It was agreed that the first stage was to arrange for three quotes asking for pathways to link paths and see how much the cost would be. LJ to ask for two prices, one price for the individual price of each path and one price for completing all the paths together. GM, SW and LJ to attend the site visits.

7. Outdoor Gym.

The survey for the outdoor gym on Facebook resulted in 65 yes votes, 13 no votes and 7 yes, but will not use it. It was agreed to send letters to the 6 residents closest to where the proposed gym equipment would be installed. The letter should say EPC are considering installing an outdoor gym in the playing field on the triangle piece of ground between the tennis courts and the path leading from Station Road to the Memorial Hall, EPC would like to know any comments or concerns you may have about this project before we proceed further.

8. Isabel Drive play area.

The litter bin has still not been moved away from the gate, LJ to ask MB.

9. AOB.

A resident had noticed that some people may not be clear that the frogs in the play area are litter bins, while the other bins are full the frog bins remain empty.

LJ said the football match between the ambulance teams, due to play on the Elsenham playing field, has now been cancelled.

10. The next meeting will be held on 22 May 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting finished at 8.30pm.