

Minutes of The Sparkford Playing Field meeting held on 24th May 2018

PRESENT: M Beale D Osmond L Davis K Davis S Flood
T Bourke L Webber R Piper

Apologies: None

Minutes agreed from the previous meeting.

David has decided to retire from the playing field committee. He has kindly donated his marquee and the tools already in the shed at the field. David has started completing the lottery application but will need to be finished by us.

ACTION MARK to get this sorted

Tony wants to step down due to health reasons but will stay on until a new treasurer can be appointed and the signatures have been changed with the Bank. Stu suggested Karen and will ask her.

ACTION STU to ask Karen about being new treasurer.

It was suggested that maybe we amend the signing signatures on account to 3 or maybe 4. Stu is happy to be added and also Karen if happy to take on treasurer role.

Online banking was suggested but this will change our constitution and Tony said from an audit point of view this may make it difficult. It was suggested to leave it how it is for now. Tony is happy to do the audits for us every year.

Accounts are in the process of being audited at the moment. Current Balance £6880.30. David paid for the snow machine for Santa Sleigh. £1320.39 better than last year's end balance.

Rich Reed and Steve Miles offered to help with mowing of Playing Field. Helpers definitely needed.

Strimming rota was produced to strim every week but this needs to be changed to every 10 days.

ACTION DONNA to get this amended and circulated.

LEASE

Lisa said that the lease is waiting to be executed. She has spoken with Rachel and hopefully will be received in the next couple of weeks. – a long time coming.

Tony said that Jeff's lease was renewed 3 years ago in a week.

Once the lease is signed and sealed the bungalows will contact the diocese to buy the buffer land and they will pick up any costs which are incurred for this as our lease will then need to be amended.

The church doesn't normally allow sub letting but this is mentioned in our lease. Royston asked if we should ask for an extension on our term when this is amended for the sale to the bungalows.

New Equipment

Kev suggested getting grants and Lisa to get re-quotes on Playing Field ideas. Possibly to do it in 4 Stages. Marc said we need a 5 year plan.

ACTION LISA to contact companies for re-quotes.

Barrow Road opposite the coal yard have offered to donate a basket swing for the Playing Field.

Possible Ideas – Trim Trail to be replaced, Football Goals and Basket Swing.

The slide will last another 7 years.

Long term Plans – Zip Wire, Trim Trail, Basket Swing

10 year plan to spend £200,000

A suggestion was made for an outside gym – the committee felt this would not be used and could be a waste of money.

Marc has applied for a Calor Grant of £2500. This needs people to vote – committee to share on fb and then ask Darryl to add to village page. Maybe display a white board at Duck Race to promote this.

ACTION DONNA to ask Darryl to do this.

We need to think more of what the older children in the village will want as we have alot of things already in the park for the younger child. So possibly need to update the football pitch.

Royston said he was happy to draw up a plan – as he likes to draw.

Match funding letters to be sent us to companies once lease is finalised.

ACTION DONNA and LISA to draft the letters for this.

Field behind Bennett's Close – plans show car park based against Playing Field Fence – need to keep an eye on this.

The BBQ is still at the Playing field and needs to be scrapped.

ACTION KEV to sort this.

Royston to make the stocks for the Duck Race.

ACTION ROYSTON to make these.

Royston said he will need a bit of ply – he has an idea.

ACTION KEV

The bolt has still not been replaced as per the safety check which was received a week ago on the playing field, this wasn't pin pointed so need to search to replace.

ACTION KEV and STU to do this.

The goals need to be painted either in silver or white. Tony thinks he has some paint at his – will check before we buy some.

ACTION TONY to check for paint at home.

There is net damage on the basket hoop and rounabout still needs greasing. Strimmer needs to be fixed too.

ACTION KEV and STU

The Halloween bingo has been booked with Victoria at the Village Hall. Date TBC.

ACTION DONNA to find out from Victoria and advertise.

Duck Race

Strimming to be done Mon 4th and Tues 5th June. Path has been sorted towards river as it was mushy.

Duck Race starts 2pm

ACTION DONNA to send flyers to Marc for him to do.

ACTION STU to print and deliver

ACTION KEV to get Scout Fridges to sale lollies.

ACTION KAREN to buy lollies and Ice Cream.

ACTION MARC to sort out BBQ.

ACTION DONNA to buy Bar Stock and to check whats left in the shed.

ACTION ALL to sale a sheet of ducks prior to race day.

Any Other Business

Tony asked if we need the mower insured now to go on the road. This costs £250 a year. Is it necessary or shall we remove this. Minium level insure it for fire and theft only.

The Parish Council are contributing £250 for the fun day. Stuart wants to know arrangements.

NEXT MEETING in July to arrange funday but date TBC