Minutes of the Sparkford Playing Field Committee Meeting

Wednesday 22nd May 2019

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| Present: | Apologies: |
| Marc Beale  Stuart Flood  Royston Piper  Steve Miles  Alex Lawes | Karen Jenkins  Sharon Down  Lisa Davis |

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| 1. | Apologies |  |
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|  | Apologies were noted as above. |  |
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| 2. | Minutes from the Meeting |  |
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|  | Minutes from the last meeting held on 18 January 2018 were agreed as an accurate record. |  |
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| 3. | Outstanding Actions from Previous meeting |  |
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|  | Roundabout still requires greasing. **ACTION**: MB to co-ordinate a day and time. | MB |
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|  | 1 strimmer needs fixing – it needs a new pull cord and a safety switch. **ACTION**: SM to source a new pull cord. | SM |
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|  | Current signatories for the Playing Field Committee bank account are Donna, Larry and Karen. It was agreed to leave the arrangements as it is lengthy process with the bank to change. |  |
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|  | Playing Field Inspection – we need to find a private company to undertake the inspections as the council are no longer providing this service. LD did have an email from a company offering this service. **ACTION**: KJ to find out who can carry out this service. | KJ |
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|  | No Dogs Allowed Sign to be replaced. LD was going to check as thought a new sign was in their garage. **ACTION:** LD to let MB know if the sign is available. Possibly put sign on post rather than gate as gate often open. | LD |
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|  | Fun Day 8th September 2019. **ACTION:** LD to contact Stuart Talbot to discuss the Fun Day. RP offered to contact him if LD unable to. | LD |
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| 4. | Accounts |  |
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|  | It was agreed accounts was covered as per of the AGM meeting that preceded this meeting. |  |
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| 5. | Maintenance |  |
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|  | It was agreed that the panel garage offered by Larry is not required now the garage has been tidied up, but the garage could do with some racking.  RP happy to donate his BBQ to the committee.  Thanks for RP for maintaining the trim trail. MB and SF continue to mow.  Thomas Lawes would like to help with some maintenance in the playing field to help towards his DoE award. He is unable to use mower etc due to insurance, but happy for him to help stain all the benches. MB to arrange a date to this to take place. | MB |
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| 6. | Arrangements for Duck Race and other event planning |  |
|  | It was confirmed that the Duck Race is on 15th June. Separate discussions over email/What’s App will take place re finer details nearer the time.  Sluice gate in duck race needs clearing. **ACTION:**  SF to make contact with Nick regarding sluice gate and grass cutting.  Agreed to all meet at duck race field Sunday 9th to clear area.  RP happy to make some new signs. MB and SF to update Facebook and Twitter with duck race details.  Agreed to purchase a wireless microphone for use at duck race and future events.  MB agreed to write to Jacqui Miles at Morrisons to ask if they will donate a prize and to order rolls.  Fun Day 8th Sept – sort arrangements nearer the time. RF to enquire with Stuart about games for fun day.  Santa Sleigh – need to make a new sleigh, so will need lots of time in advance of December! Including a cover for rain storms. Discussion re making flat-packed to make it easier to store.  Suggested that after fun day have a meeting soon after to discuss plans for sleigh. | SF  RP |
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| 7. | New Equipment / Match Funding  Last time we discussed we said lets go to providers to come up with an 150k 5-year plan to put in over time - in order to preserve future monies. Discussion regarding equipment suitable for older children. Also outdoor gym equipment for adults.  Need to get details of companies from Lisa. RP/SF happy to meet with suppliers at playing fields to start ball rolling.  Suggested get skatepark/pump track quotes first (if different companies to the equipment) to see how much this would cost to consider how much would have for other equipment.  Discussion re doing Goal posts and pumptrack first to show progress to the community.  RP will contact Tony (via Larry) to get a price to put in a pump track. MB would like to combine pumptrack with skate park traits such as jumps, half pipe to drop in etc.  Complete above action before going out to equipment providers to see what space is required. | RP |
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| 6. | Any Other Business |  |
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|  | It was suggested we could do with some more committee members. We have got a wider circle of people that help out at events but this is mainly family of committee members. Will try and recruit at the Duck Race and Fun Day. |  |