

Minutes of the Sparkford Playing Field Committee Meeting

Wednesday 13th November 2019

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

1. Apologies

Apologies were noted as above.

2. Minutes from the Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of 16th October 2019 were agreed as an accurate record, albeit the sleigh plans were presented by Royston Piper, not RF.

3. Previous Actions

Roundabout requires greasing. Day and time to be coordinated. MB

1 strimmer needs fixing – it needs a new pull cord and a safety switch. SM to source a new pull cord. **PMN** – Marc to retrieve strimmer from garage. SM

No Dogs Allowed Sign. Unavailable from SSDC. Larry offered to source a yellow sign. LP
Additional contact address wording to be agreed.

Thomas Lawes would like to help with some maintenance in the playing field to help towards his DoE award. Action to be picked up in the Spring when more maintenance is required. MB

Thomas to find alternative regular activity (needs to be 1 hr/wk for 3 mths). **ACTION CLOSED**

RP/LP to contact Tony to get a price to put in a pump track. To include skate park traits such as jumps, half pipe to drop in etc. RP/
LP

Karen contacted SSDC re. inspection frequency and charges. Response left unanswered questions, but overall recommendation was to monitor the equipment. MB
Cost is £26.50 per quarterly inspection. Marc to ring Kenton Bourne to discuss further.

Steve sourced sleigh wood from CRS at nil cost. **ACTION COMPLETE.** SM

Vinyl wrap unsuitable for ply. **ACTION COMPLETE.** RP

Additional costumes bought by Stu, now totalling 7 off plus the Clauses. **ACTION COMPLETE.** SF

MB will put dates up on WhatsApp group asking for Santa Sleigh availability and pull a schedule together. MB

PA needs to go back to be looked at as it vibrates.

MB

4. Accounts

Following the Halloween Bingo, the balance is £8,972.48.

(It was noted at the Galhampton Fireworks that Burgers were £3.50 each...!)

5. Maintenance Report

Faults to be monitored, particularly the split swing seat.

6. Plan for Santa Sleigh

Needs to be ready for 5th December for the Castle Cary Christmas Extravaganza.

Trailer is available from 30th Nov.

Santa Sleigh Dates for December:

5th - Castle Cary Big Christmas

13th – Sparkford

6th – Bruton

14th – Castle Cary

7th – Ilchester

15th – North Cadbury

8th – Queen Camel

Sleigh painting tent to be erected in Lapland Sat 16th Nov a.m., timing TBD weather dependent.

All to note

Leaflets required for distribution with Santa Sleigh.

MB

It was agreed that Perspex and PC would be used for the Sleigh 'canopy'. Materials to be sourced and fitted.

LP/RP

Acknowledgement sign required. **PMN** – Wording to be 'Materials donated by CRS, Yeovil. Supported by Piper Trimmers and Red Survey Ltd.'

LP

There are sweets left over from Halloween, but more are required.

KJ

Sue Miles was kindly volunteered to draw a reindeer template.

SM

Consideration was given to Royston's suggestion of donating the Castle Cary proceeds to the recent house fire family. The unanimous decision was not to, as it could be controversial.

A risk assessment is required for the sleigh and its usage.

MB

It was agreed that a first aid kit should be maintained for the playing field and Santa Sleigh. Box and contents to be sourced.

KJ/SF

Stu confirmed there was enough liquid snow remaining for the snow machine.

Steve presented samples of stick-on cable tie mounts, more of which he could borrow if required.

7. Play Equipment Development Plans

Larry recommended action soon in order to secure current S106 funding.

Previous plans and residents survey results to be retrieved from Lisa. It's recalled that a Zip Wire was included in most responses.

LP

Lappset play equipment – www.lappset.com worth taking a look when we start getting quotes for equipment. Modular type equipment.

8. Any Other Business

Larry asked if the SPFC would cover private vehicle insurance excess should a claim be made as a result of committee activities. It was generally agreed this was acceptable, provided the driver wasn't at fault.

The Charity Protect insurance is due for renewal on 30/11/19, yet no reminder has been received. Renewal required. KJ

Marc advised that the garage roof was leaking. Consideration to be given to repairing with a bitumen seal.

A 'New Village Hall Committee' has been set up, and is inviting members. Karen showed some vague interest...

Marc proposed the new hall should open out onto the playing field to encourage joint usage. Stu suggested removal of the fence to achieve this.

9. Next Meeting

To be confirmed for a Wednesday in January at 8pm.

Venue to be Chez Jenkins-Flood; guests to provide 'refreshments'.