

Minutes of the Sparkford Playing Field Committee Meeting

Wednesday 26th May 2021 held at Sparkford Playing Field

Present:		Apologies:
Marc Beale (Chairman) Karen Jenkins (Treasurer) Stuart Flood Royston Piper	Larry Piper (part) Marie Piper Alex Lawes (Secretary)	None

1. Minutes from the Previous Meeting

Minutes from the meeting of 12th August 2021 were agreed as an accurate record.

2. Previous Actions

No Dogs Allowed Sign to be sourced from Tony.

Action Complete– Larry P

Sparkford Playing Field e-mail address/account to be created.

Action Complete– Marc B

New email address confirmed by Marc as SparkfordPlayingFields@gmail.com. To be provided to Daryl and James Tuck. Wording for a second sign for inside the park (possibly beside the bin) to be drafted. To include antisocial behaviour, social distance(?), SPFC contact number and email etc.

Action – Marc B

Price from Tony required for a pump track. To include skate park traits such as jumps, half pipe to drop into etc.

Action – Larry P

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

Action – Marc B

Royston suggested buying a Bouncy Castle. Cost to be investigated. The insurance policy appeared to cover bouncy castles. Robin Bell to be consulted.

Action – Larry P

Marc had advised that the garage roof was leaking. Consideration to be given to repairing with a bitumen seal. Items removed from beneath leak, which is still leaking. E-mail sent to Lisa Davis to ask if the damaged roof would be covered by insurance. Parish Council to add it to their policy, £111.17 Oct 20 to Jun 21 quoted, but then £82.94 paid, confirmed by Karen.

Action Complete – Alex L

Maintenance Commuted Sums require 3 quotes. List of equipment produced with quotes to be sourced. Provided to chairman.

Action Complete – Stu F

A recent Facebook Sparkford Community News post has prompted the need to ensure Playing Field posts are vetted by Marc or Larry first. To be discussed with Daryl.

Action Complete – Larry P

3. Accounts

Current balance is £3,438.65 (+ £213.70 in cash tin).

4. Maintenance Report

Faults to be monitored, particularly the split swing seat.

Two bridge uprights procured from Playdale, fitted, and spares put in garage.

The swing frame has been repainted by Stu, and the seesaw sanded by Marc in readiness for repainting.

Karen and Marie to note

5. Events

A first aid kit was used for the Santa Sleigh. Similar kits to be put together for future events.

Larry has previously advised that a defibrillator had been installed at the Village Hall. First Aid / Defibrillator training to be considered by SPFC members.

Royston had previously suggested buying an inflatable screen, and confirmed licenses start at £89.

Family Fun Day – Sunday 12th September

TBA.

Halloween Bingo – Friday 29th or Saturday 30th October 2020

Preference for the Saturday, but to be confirmed.

Santa Sleigh

To be discussed nearer the time.

Tarps blown off. To be allowed to dry off, then re-covered.

6. Play Equipment Development Plans

Zip wire, climbing frame, and Springers installed. Goal to follow in June.

£106 contributions agreed to date:

Contributor	Amount / Comment	Trigger
Haynes	Equipped Play - £849 per two bed dwelling for enhancing the play area and commuted sum of £490 per two bed dwelling for long term maintenance. Youth Facilities -£167 per two bed dwelling for enhancing youth facilities at the playing field and commuted sum of £62 per two bed dwelling for long term maintenance.	Equipped Play and Youth Facilities contributions to be paid on or before date of 25% occupation of dwellings.
Longhazel Farm	Play Area - £25,464 for enhancing the play area.	50% of Play Area contributions to be paid prior to occupation of 25% of the dwellings – This is now due. Remaining 50% to be paid prior to occupation of 50% of dwellings.
Old Coal Yard	£36,761 waiting to be drawn down (paid to SSDC in September 2015) for off-site Leisure and Recreation provision. Thought to be split around £24,000 for the playing field and £12,000 for the Cricket Club but details of the breakdown not found.	Received.
Land Os 4859 Part, Chapel	Youth Facilities - £833 towards 5-a-side goals at the playing field and commuted sum of £308 for long term maintenance of goals.	Equipped Play and Youth Facilities contributions to be

Cross to Hazelgrove Roundabout Westbound	Equipped Play Areas - £4,244 towards provision of basket swing at the playing field and commuted sum of £2,451 for long term maintenance of swing.	paid on or before date of 25% occupation of dwellings.
Land rear of Bennett Close	Equipped Play Space - £30,557 towards enhancing equipped play at the playing field and commuted sum of £17,650 towards the long-term maintenance of equipment. Youth Facilities - £6,000 towards enhancing the capacity at the playing field and £2,218 towards long term maintenance of this.	Equipped Play and Youth Facilities contributions to be paid on or before date of 25% occupation of dwellings
The Burrows	Contributions thought to have been agreed, but not found.	Unknown.

7. Any Other Business

Alternative or additional facebook page to be considered for the Playing Field, as the name of the existing one is Santa Sleigh specific.

Installation of a second gate or railings at the Twines Close end of the path was discussed. A near-miss between a car and a child was observed recently. Guidance on action/responsibility to be sought from the Parish Council via Lisa Davis. **PMN** – Email sent to Lisa. **Action – Alex L**

Royston suggested the main gate be considered for improvement/maintenance/replacement, as it grounds, and the spring is broken. Further discussion required.

New seating/benches to be considered. Local businesses to be approached over possible donations/deals etc. **PMN** – Emails sent to Sparkford Timber Buildings and Gates, and to Galhampton Country Store. **Action – Alex L**

Pedestrian gate or style considered for far side of playing field adjacent to five-bar gate. Prices to be explored. **Action – All**

8. Next Meeting

Proposed for Wednesday 7th July at 19:00 at the Playing Field.