

Minutes Of extraordinary meeting, Play and Recreational Area 19:30hr Village Hall 23rd October 2017.

Present Councillor Smith , Councillor Ward, Councillor Britain, Councillor McCool.

479. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest.

Councillor Worrall.

No declarations of interest.

480. Parish Council Discussion /Public Session.

Four members of public present.

Members of Public asked as to outcome of consultation with residents.

Chair indicated there had been a number of imaginative ideas raised – including use of area as a wildlife area – meadow for butterflies and bees – also the addition of tables and seating plus adult exercise equipment. One respondent had suggested a tennis court.

Members of public asked why responses had not been published on website as agreed at previous meeting. Councillor McCool responded by indicating the Chair had subsequently stated she had concerns and asked that responses not be published.

A further discussion took place as to whether publication had been agreed at previous meeting and whether it was appropriate to publish same, whereby it was reaffirmed responses should be published.

Proposer Councillor Ward, Seconder Councillor Britain Action Councillor McCool .

An update of project actions was given by Councillor McCool .

Three local companies had been approached to supply quotes for construction of public access to play and recreational area. Two companies had responded positively of which one had made a site visit. A quotation was promised but remains outstanding to date.

The parish grass cutter has carried out a site inspection – and has expressed concerns as to condition of area – he has supplied prices for cutting of hedge and play area once it has been levelled and reseeded.

Following meeting of 9th October a local expert contractor in playing area surface preparation has carried out a site inspection on site and advised requirements to establish a manageable surface. The contractor expressed view fencing should not be erected prior to works being carried out as it would inhibit function of their machinery. A quote to complete works has been requested- weed killing/ploughing / levelling and reseeding- remains outstanding.

Issue of anthrax was again discussed – Councillor Smith suggested it was unnecessary to consider contamination as the burial of carcass has not been recorded. Councillor McCool objected to such a view indicating there is enough evidence to take possible contamination seriously and adopt a precautionary approach. As such taking samples of soil to assess risk under guidance of procedure supplied to the council by Public Health England was appropriate.

Members of public present and other councillors offered their views as to potential risk and appropriateness of ensuring area was safe for public to access.

Councillor McCool advised he had in absence of contact information for Councils insurers sought information for insurance requirements of being responsible for play area. As a result of information obtained via Zurich it would be a requirement that the council undertake regular inspections of site by trained and accredited individuals in addition to any statutory / ROSPA inspection requirements.

It was deemed by insurer important any accidents be investigated fully to attempt to prevent reoccurrence and all inspections undertaken would need to be covered by an audit process to ensure compliance. Individual 'councillor' training and procedures would be required.

Mr Innis sought clarification as to whether the Play and Recreational area could be established and run by a committee not associated with the Parish Council – the council indicated it was usual for that scenario to be adopted as per examples of North Duffield and Escrick Playing field associations.

Public session closed

Parish council Updates

Chair advised that the council had received a payment request from Mr Swinglehurst £2600 plus vat item deferred to November meeting.

All individuals interested in co-opted positions had been contacted – although no response has to date been received from Mr Elwers. Proposed questions by councillors to candidates should be associated with why individuals want to be a councillor and what they might offer to community. Councillor Smith will not take part in interview process.

Planning applications – 'O' Niels have been engaged to offer advice to PC associated with planning proposal for Red House farm- an upper fee limit of £750 + vat has been agreed.