

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at
Sherfield Houses, Leigh, 4th April 2017

Present: Mel Shine (MS) Chairperson, Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary, Sarah Knowles (SK), Colin House (CH) Treasurer, Graham Bugler (GB), Cathy Purcell (CP)

Apologies: Graham Bugler, Hannah Gillibrand, David Woodridge

MS welcomed all.

Matters Arising

GB had arranged a meeting with Sandra Scutt, JJ and MS, to clarify what tasks needed to be done by what body – Parish Council, Village Hall committee, or Playpark committee. As a result, many of the tasks identified and allocated at our meeting on 7th February were no longer relevant. JJ suggested amending the minutes regarding the tasks so this did not cause confusion. JJ to do.

In summary, the Village Hall Committee would do the lease, Parish Council would sort out Planning and local government funding if available, and we would do the Project plan, quotes, specification and restoration of the old playpark. GB said the Parish Council wanted a project plan with costings by October. DW had volunteered to do a project plan and costs would be looked after the ROSPA inspection in May. DW to do.

MS had ordered woodchip and this had been delivered and put around the climbing frame at the weekend. MS thanked all involved for their help.

Other Matters Arising

CP had not managed to contact the lady with the child with a disability and would continue to try. CP to do.

JJ and MS had attended a Dorset Community Action event on the Volunteer Service Sector to get ideas for fundraising etc. This had been very useful, with the name of a good contact re playground suppliers and highlighting the health benefit of play to prospective donors.

JJ said she had been told of a pot of money at Magna, but needed lease from village Hall. So, she would ask VH Committee if they could arrange it. JJ to do.

MS suggested finding the old lease to see if we could use any parts of it. MS to do.

Mowing

HG had drawn up a rowing motor and circulated it. Emma Harris had joined and Luke Goddard had left.

Health and Safety

No date had been given by ROSPA - but in May. GB had visited the park to inspect the climbing frame step that had been reported as missing. He found it was not missing, and the marks on the side of the frames were to mark the level of woodchip. He did inspect the equipment and identified the following for action:

Priority 1 – asap

- Gate Latch broken - now fixed
- Frog rocker – seems loose at base. Secure fixings. GB to do.

Priority 2 – within 3 months

- Weed and top up woodchip – now done
- Infant swing seats – showing signs of wear. Need replacing. JJ to get quote.
- Child swing – shackle bent. Needs replacing. JJ to get quote.

Priority 3 – 4-5 months

- Child Swing – rubber seat showing slight wear. Replace seat if relocated. JJ to get quote.
- Slide – no longer compliant and needs replacing. Dispose when relocated

Priority 4/ 5 – within 1 year or replace if equipment relocated

- Climbing wire rope showing signs of wear.
- Notice board to be replaced
- Climbing wall missing black strip on hole.
- Seats need repainting.

General comment – all items could do with a clean/repainted before relocated. Suggested a clean up day to wash the equipment – no date set.

AOB

All agreed the current rubber matting was working well in existing park and we should use that at the new site. Also, sleepers and woodchip around climbing frames as now.

When we get quoted for the seats – may be able to get Community Fund to buy them. CH to ask.

Next Meeting

Date not set.