

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at  
Sherfield Houses, Leigh, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Present: Mel Shine (MS) Chairperson, Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary, Hannah Gillibrand (HG), Luke Goddard (LG), Graham Bugler (GB)

Apologies: Les Wallis, Sarah Knowles, Jill Taylor, Colin House

Welcome

MS welcomed all.

Matters arising from last meeting/Situation Report

Beer Mill Mead funds – JJ had talked to David Reason. He said he did not know about the finances, but suggested Kevin Waterfall would. He thought it was unlikely that there would be “spare” funds. GB said he would contact Kevin to ask. GB to do.

Mower servicing – JJ had asked Steve at the garage, and he said he would do it. However, it seems to be running ok, so it may not be necessary.

Rotary Club Community Fund – CH had emailed earlier to say this grant had been withdrawn as we had not formal agreement with the VH.

Playpark move

MS had contacted her friend at Symonds and Sampson and been told the name of the Mrs Edwardes agent. However, this was not taken further as there had been more exciting news – see below.

Sandra Scutt (Parish Council Chair) had arranged a meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> between representatives of the Village Hall, Parish Council, West Dorset DC and Playpark Committee. JJ, GB and MS had attended.

It had gone very well, and all parties had agreed that the purchase of the land was in the best interest of the village. The VH committee’s main problem was funding the purchase and ongoing maintenance of the land. Sandra said the PC’s role would be to fund the maintenance, (this would be after discussion with the whole PC). The WDDC representative said there were funding pots that could be accessed, so that about £10k was already available. The fundraising would be mainly done by the Playpark Committee and PC. It was left for Paul Orchard (Village Hall) to contact the agent to discuss where the land would actually be (the group visited the site the next day and suggested

the Playpark be at the top of the field away from the houses) and if she would agree to stage payments. The cost for 2.5 acres would be £25K but this could be negotiated. We made the point that we couldn't fundraise unless we had an agreement as we had already lost funding. A further meeting will be arranged when Paul had heard back from the agent, but that this would be in about a month as the agent was on holiday.

JJ had asked Sarah Knowles a few days later if Battens would be willing to do the conveyancing, Sarah said she'd ask. SK to do.

Treasurer's Report: No report

### Mowing/Upkeep

The playpark rota was working well, and LG reported that the sleepers were rotting. LG questioned why he was on the rota twice, and HG said she would revise it next year. He said he would look at doing a short term edging fix to the sleepers, and also strim round the sides. MS volunteered her strimmer. He did not think extra bark was required. LG to do.

It was thought that there would be enough fuel for the summer.

### Health & Safety

No recorded problems.

### AOB

JJ said no Playpark Committee meeting was required until things developed. So, agreed to meet after the summer, but that if/when other information was know, JJ would email all to advise. JJ, MS and GB will attend the land purchase working party meetings.

### Next Meeting

20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 at Sherfield House