

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at
Sherfield House, Leigh, 10th January 2017

Present: Mel Shine (MS) Chairperson, Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary, Sarah Knowles (SK), David Woodridge (DW), Graham Bugler (GB), Cathy Purcell (CP)

Apologies: Colin House, Hannah Gillibrand

Welcome

MS welcomed all.

This meeting was requested by the Parish Council to discuss how the Playground Move Project was to be organised. MS welcomed 2 new members, Cathy and David, and advised that Jill Taylor had resigned.

Playpark move

GB outlined the current position:

- 4 sites had been visited by the parish Council and evaluated. The council would discuss the evaluation and recommendation and a decision would be made by the Parish Council at the council meeting on the 17th January.
- The Parish Council will discuss funding for the relocation of the Playpark at the council meeting on the 17th January. Any funding would be achieved through raising of the precept. The intention is that any additional equipment would be funded through fundraising and grants identified by the management Committee.
- During the project, the Management Committee would report back to the Parish Council to show that it was managing the project in a diligent manner – eg obtaining quotations, prepare a budget, specifying the work and finding out the requirements regarding equipment layout.
- Other jobs would include supporting the Parish Council in the legal and administrative work: drawing up a lease, planning permission for a possible change of use, liaison with West Dorset District Council regarding any potential grants (there may be section 106 agreements funds available).
- Funding from the precept would not become available until the latter end of the year, so most of this year could be spent in administration/planning with the hope that we could start work towards the end. GB suggested getting the community involved to help – eg: a children's competition.

DW had visited a site called Playengland which he recommended as a good source of information.

SK asked if there was a legal obligation to have a Playpark, but GB thought not.

JJ said she had tried to contact a lady in the village who has a disabled child to find out what equipment she would like, but so far there had been no response. **CP to visit.**

JJ said there had also been an offer of financial help from Boyles Trust. It was agreed that fundraising should be relatively easy once a contract for the land had been signed. GB had provided a handy list of available grants.

MS agreed to be the spokesperson for the Management Committee and would be assisted by all the committee at all times during the project.

MS said how much we all appreciate the Parish Council's, Sandra Scutt's and Graham's efforts on behalf of the Playground Committee.

AOB

A member of the public had queried the bottom step of the climbing frame. MS and JJ had inspected it and thought it was not broken, but designed to be a big step to discourage toddlers to climb. However, more woodchip was required to reduce the distance. MS had a quote, and will order some. DW suggested contacting Bailey Ridge to see if they would sponsor/donate or give some at a lower price. **MS to do**

SK had created 2 Facebook pages. JJ suggested this might cause confusion so take the least used one down. **SK to do.**

JJ gave GB information on a company who will inspect the Playpark in May, as the Parish Council have to be the organisation to request the visit. GB will pass this on to the PC.

Next Meeting

7th February 2017 7.30 at Sherfield House