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These minutes are now inaccurate as after this meeting, Leigh Parish Council clarified that they are going to investigate the planning issues and local authority grant availability, and the Village Hall Committee are going to arrange the lease.

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at  
The Old Stores, Leigh, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017

Present: Mel Shine (MS) Chairperson, Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary, Sarah Knowles (SK), David Woodridge (DW), Colin House (CH) Treasurer, Cathy Purcell (CP)

Apologies: Graham Bugler, Hannah Gillibrand

MS welcomed all.

Matters Arising

Playpark Move

The Parish Council at the meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> January had decided on the wildflower meadow above the village hall. This was by far the most suitable place, and the Village Hall Committee had very kindly offered it on a 99 year lease.

The precept had been raised, and it was expected that we would have a £8,500 budget for the move.

JJ said we now needed to keep the momentum and try to get a contract as we could not do any fundraising until we had a legal document. CP and MS said they would contact Paul Orchard to ask for clarification on the way forward. What is the classification of the land currently - amenity land? Do we draft lease/do they? CP/MS to do.

SK said Battens may be willing to help draft up the lease. SK to ask.

Other jobs could only be undertaken when we are legally tenants.

- Change of use. CH had a contact at the Council and would ask if this was required. CH to do.
- Layout and design
- Quotes for new/replacement equipment
- Contacting WDDC regarding Section 106 and other grants
- Fundraising - suggestions of companies to ask:  
Builders Merchants, Mole Valley, Toy Barn

Already have an offer of £1000 from Battens, and can apply for Community Trust, Boyles Trust, Leigh Food Fair

SK suggested a deadline would be useful to focus our efforts. Agreed beginning of September would be good as it is the start of the new school year and symbolically this would be appropriate.

#### 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.

MS had obtained quotes for woodchip but wanted confirmation of type and amount. CH advised and MS would proceed with order. MS to do. CH said he would repay.

#### Treasurers Report

CH said we had £1,800 in the current account. He has paid HG for fuel.

#### Mowing

It was agreed to ask HG to draw up a mowing rota again as it worked so well last year. CP volunteered to join. HG to do.

#### Health and Safety

An inspection by ROSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) had been arranged by the Parish Council for May. They would also advise on the remaining life expectancy of the existing equipment.

#### AOB

DW suggested if anyone goes to a playpark to take photos or get details so we can contact other committees for advice.

Community involvement suggestions were discussed– one idea was to ask for donations to put a handprint in a new cement pathway.

#### Next Meeting

4<sup>th</sup> April 2017 7.30 at Sherfield House