

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at  
The Old Stores, Leigh, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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

Apologies: Hannah Gillibrand

JJ welcomed all (MS was delayed).

### Matters Arising

Planning change of use: Sandra Scutt had tried to get clarification from West Dorset planning, but had been told it would cost £85 just for guidance (which seemed unreasonable). GB had contacted Mary Penfold (District Councillor) who will inquire if an application was required. As Sandra was busy with other Parish Council matters, GB said he would take this forward. GB to do.

Lease: SK said that Battens were still doing it, and it seemed straight forward. MS had given Battens a copy of the old lease which had been useful. It was expected that the lease would be ready within a month.

New Playpark: (see later)

Cleaning: CP, MS and JJ had cleaned the Playpark equipment. Thanks were expressed to them and Les Wallis.

New seats: JJ had arranged for the purchase of new swing seats, but these had not come before the inspection. The Parish Council had generously agreed to pay for the purchase, and JJ suggested writing a letter of thanks. All agreed. JJ to do.

### Playpark Inspection

GB talked through the ROSPA Inspection report. Overall the Playpark was given a medium risk rating. Of particular interest was whether the equipment was suitable for moving to the new Playpark.

Grounds: These were all classed as low risk. Issues identified were:

1. Bag on waste bin
2. Fence post slightly unstable
3. Gate may be a finger trap
4. Signage needs improving

As these issues would be solved/improved when the Playpark is moved, it was thought unnecessary to spend any time or money for such a low risk/short time frame.

Equipment: All equipment except the slide was classed as a low risk level.

1. Multiplay. Does not comply with current standards. The reason for this is because the treads on the steps are not deep enough, and the wire core is exposed in places on the cargo net. JJ had emailed ROSPA to get clarification and had a drawing of the depth of steps required. It should be possible to change the current steps so that they meet the current required projection of 140mm.
2. Frog Rocker. Meets current standards. The Base Plate bolt is corroded, and will need replacing.
3. Multipondo (See-Saw). Meets current standards. Rubber tyre split. Needs replacing. Can be done when moved.
4. Slide. Medium risk. Does not meet current standards. As expected, this will need to be scrapped and replaced.
5. Junior Swing. Meets required standard. Seats to replace at some point.
6. Toddler Swing. Meets required standard. Seats to replace at some point.

Summary of Actions to be done before move.

Investigate if steps can be re-engineered. If, so get quotes. JJ to do.

Get quotes and purchase new Cargo net. JJ to do.

Get quotes and purchase new base plate bolt for Rocker. JJ to do.

Replace swings.

Repaint all equipment which is being relocated. Easiest to do this when it has been dismantled.

GB said the Inspection Report will go on the Parish Council website. A member of the public had offered to pay for an annual Inspection in the future. This was considered a very generous offer.

### New Playpark

DW offered to draft a project plan and email it so it would help to keep the project on track for a target completion date of next summer. DW to do.

JJ suggested trying to get young people involved with ideas of equipment they would like, but didn't know how best to do this. Any suggestions welcome.

MS said she will get some brochures and talk to parents at Liz Turnbull's toddler party on 13<sup>th</sup> June, 3.00. MS to do.

GB/DW to measure site DW/GB to do.

SK will measure existing equipment. SK to do.

GB supplied a magazine that had lots of playground company adverts.

JJ had contacted the Toy Barn who would be happy to come and discuss ideas.

Agreed to have a meeting specifically to discuss the new site layout on 5<sup>th</sup> July.

## Treasurers Report

CH presented the Income and Expenditure Account to MS to sign. There had been a £166.61 deficit for the year with total funds of £1,732.60.

## Mowing/Hedge trimming

JJ had put the mowing rota on the Leigh Life web site.

MS said she would write "Playpark Use" on the GREEN CAN, and put a sign in the shed, as it was easy to forget which can to use. MS to do.

GB said we should do the hedges before the summer holidays. Need a working party. DW offered to cut them, but needed picker-uppers. He suggested a Friday evening - 23<sup>rd</sup> June. If not possible it will be postponed to 30<sup>th</sup> June, then 7<sup>th</sup> July. All to help if possible.

## Health & Safety – no reported issues

## AOB

Disabled Child swing: CP to investigate what options were available. CP to do

Dorset Community Action Network Event: JJ said the meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July in Shaftesbury was specifically about Playpark funding, so JJ, MS and CP would go. JJ to book. CP, JJ, MS to attend.

Village Poll: Date 22<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Need to let people know so they can express views about purchasing land for general amenity use. SK suggested adding to FB page. GB said he would send copy of flyer. SK/GB to do.

## Next Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> July, Sherfield House, 7.30.