

Minutes of the Playing Field Meeting of St Mewan Parish
Council held at Polgooth Village Hall on Wednesday 28th
September 2016 commencing at 7.00pm

Present

Councillors J Spencer (Chairman), Mrs M Mitchell, Mrs J Padley, C Passmore

In Attendance

Mrs W Yelland – Clerk

Public Attendance

Mrs E Roberts

PF10/16 Apologies

Cllr J Kneller. Received and duly accepted

PF011/16 Declarations of Interest

None

PF12/16 Public Participation

Mrs Roberts would like the council to consider a pump track around the perimeter of the recreational space that Polgooth has. Having carried out informal discussions there is a strong interest from parents with children in an age range from 2yrs to 12yrs old for this activity. Schools nationally are having this type of activity built due to the demand and how it is deemed to be an excellent facility for youth to keep fit. There is nothing in the immediate vicinity and parents have to travel to Portreath and sometimes to find it closed. Mrs Roberts is experienced in this sport and would be willing to assist in the development of a pump track in Polgooth. She fully understands there may need to be a land survey to determine where best to site. Cllr Spencer suggested as there is a councillor vacancy she may like to join the council.

Mrs Roberts asked some questions on what she would need to do. The clerk suggested she may like to come along to the next Full Council meeting in October and observe how meetings are conducted and items for discussion. The clerk will e mail an agenda and minutes. Mrs Roberts cannot make the October meeting but will attend the November one.

Members agreed that it is important to consider the views of the parents as their children are the ones that will be using the equipment.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation.

PF13/16 Committee Minutes

It was

RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Playing Field meeting held on the 14th June 16 as a true and accurate record. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded Cllr Mrs Padley. All in favour.

PF14/16 Playing Field Inspections

Members receive hard copy of regular Equipment Inspection Reports with findings dated 19th September 16.

Facebook postings regarding Zip Wire. The clerk responded via council website. Clerk to provide members with recent information from play companies on this item.

Minute no.FC80/16 - Delegated Powers - Sticker Activity Park - Basket Swing A frame repaired.

Minute no.FC80/16- Delegated Powers - Trewoon Carousel shaft cut off to ground level and covered with soil and sand – see photo, fencing off hire.

Minute no.FC80/16 – Delegated Powers - Trewoon Senior Swings – Shackles, eyelets and bushes ordered for repairs as per inspection sheet.

Sticker Activity Park – Flat seats and chains removed due to worn links – out of action.

Litter pick is being carried out by the Inspector included in the charge.

Inspection sheet for Sticker Lower Playing Fields in the post – broken glass which has been left in the shelter for considerable time has been removed by the Inspector.

Minute No.FC80/16 – Delegated Powers - Sticker Lower Playing Fields – One flat swing has been removed due to chain being fractured in two places, one being severe. The second seat chains also need replacing. Parts ordered for both swings at a cost of £245.20 plus vat and plus labour.

It was

RESOLVED under delegated powers, the clerk continues to instruct the appropriate person to carry out recommended renewal of parts, repair items of play or take any necessary action recommended in the inspection sheets. Proposed Cllr Mrs Mitchell, seconded Cllr Spencer. All in favour.

PF15/16 Trewoon Carousel

Members receive photographs of the Trewoon Carousel parts at Hewaswater Engineering which is now uneconomical to repair. Hewaswater requests removal by the Parish Council within two weeks.

Clerk's report on researching disposal options as requested:

1. Dingle Steam Fairground Heritage Centre are not interested in restoring the carousel.
2. Henry Orchard Scrap Merchant's will offer a small monetary value for the metal parts providing the council arranges the transportation of parts. Independent transport costs for collection from Hewaswater and delivery to Orchard's will be £50.00.
3. To offer someone the parts FOC to offset the transport costs.

Costs to date on the carousel is: £559.00 excluding vat which includes the digger hire, Hewaswater Engineering attendance at site, hire of fencing around the shaft in the play area and subsequent shaft cut off at ground level to make safe.

Cllr Spencer is willing to collect and dispose using his own transport. Therefore,

It was

RESOLVED for Cllr Spencer to liaise with Hewaswater on collection. Proposed Cllr Mrs Padley, seconded Cllr Mitchell. All in favour. **Action: Cllr Spencer**

PF16/16 Polgooth Carousel

Members discuss and consider reviewing minute no: FC78/16 b) based on the recent information received on Agenda item 6 at tonight's meeting together with the Playing Field Inspection report dated 19th September 16. Discussion took place and the chairman recommended the money would be best served towards new equipment, therefore

It was

RESOLVED it is now uneconomical financially to proceed with Minute No: FC78/16. Proposed Cllr Passmore, seconded Cllr Mrs Padley. All in favour.

PF17/16 Playing Fields

Members receive preliminary ideas for new play equipment, surfacing and associated item costs from three play equipment companies who have visited and surveyed the sites with the existing equipment. Discussion took place and the chairman expressed he fully appreciates there is a lot of work required in all of the playing fields in the parish with the need to renew some equipment together with new surfacing, however with the amount of money required to carry out the extensive programme so desperately needed it will be a very long process. The clerk suggested and a recommendation from CALC, if the parish council were to consider a Public Works Loan it could alleviate the current pressure members face with all the Playing Fields. A lot of Parish and Town Councils take this opportunity of a PWL as it can alleviate a financial position where the council are not continually having ongoing expenditure on equipment with a minimum play expectancy left on units. Some of the equipment is 20 years plus. The Chairman asked the clerk on how to start investigating this process and how long it will take. The clerk advised the amount of money required can be budgeted for in the next financial year and can prepare some preliminary figures for discussion at the Finance Committee meeting. Initially a small working group of members in addition to any members of the public who may be interested and wish their views to be taken into consideration when deciding on new equipment. To hold an open morning in all three village halls where the public can view the proposed plans of new equipment. To note, due to the amount of expenditure involved it will require presenting at a Full Council Meeting for final approval before submission.

It was

RESOLVED the committee would like to start the process on updating the equipment to benefit the children of the parish providing the financial factor is acceptable to Full Council. Proposed Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Passmore. All in favour. **Action; Clerk to prepare a preliminary budget report to include an approximate expenditure for equipment and surfacing required at all the Playing Fields in the Parish.**

PF18/16 Matters Arising

Sticker Skate Ramp – Facebook postings, the clerk responded via the council website. Received confirmation from the company that the materials have now been ordered and they will advise of the date on commencement of work. The clerk requested to appoint the registered play inspector to clean and treat galvanised frame prior to new installation of surface. Cllr Spencer commented on how this item is taking too long for the company to carry out the works they promised. To speed things up the council can strip all the materials, clean and treat accordingly prior to the installation.

It was

RESOLVED for the clerk under delegated powers to instruct the works required prior to the company's installation of surfacing as soon as possible. Proposed Cllr Spencer, seconded Cllr Mrs Mitchell. All in favour.

PF19/16 Correspondence received up to time of meeting

None

There being no other business to be transacted the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.05pm

Signed:

Chairman of the Playing Fields

Date:.....

Recommendations:

The clerk to prepare a budget and incorporate an initial ball park expenditure for Playing Fields equipment and surfacing.

To form a small working party of councillors and any members of the public to go through the plans in more detail and resolve what is required in the process of a re-vamp in the Parish Playing Fields.

To hold a morning at all three village halls where members of the public can see the proposed plans.

The clerk to continue under delegated powers on repairs, renewals and action to be taken when necessary.

Committee Members

Cllr Mrs Mitchell

Cllr Mrs Padley

Cllr Mrs Howard

Cllr Spencer (Chairman)

Cllr Kneller

Cllr Passmore

Cllr Stead (Substitute)