

Minutes of the Meeting of the Playground Committee of Kirby Cane & Ellingham Parish Council on Tuesday, 24th May 2016 at 7pm in the Memorial Hall, Kirby Cane

Present:

Lesley Lodge Julie Pickering Iain Wright
Also parish councillors Lawrence Cannard and Deanna Saunders and clerk to the council, Jane Love.

1. To elect a chairman of the committee:-

Cllrs Iain Wright and Lesley Lodge nominated Cllr Julie Pickering to be chairman of the committee, and she was elected unanimously.

2. To receive apologies for absence:- there were none.

3. Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation:

Cllr Iain Wright is a trustee of the Kirby Cane Charity.

4. To receive reports from committee members:

Cllr Wright reported on the options for replacing the existing footpath barrier at the corner of the playing field opposite Ellingham School. The possibility had been raised that it would be better to have an area of tarmac in the main carpark with a designated parking space for disabled users than to try to change the access at the other end of the playing field, where disabled users might not be able to park easily in any case. Cllr Wright would seek quotes for this work. It was suggested that the existing gate from the carpark could be re-used near the school.

Cllr Pickering reported on the progress with grant applications - £1932.30 had been received from the Adnams Charity, and the Saracens charity had promised £2500. A reply should be received from the Dulverton Trust by mid-June. The aim was to add items of play equipment in a staged approach to enable the children and wider community to get the maximum benefit from the project. A nest swing for mid-range aged children had already been installed and a cheque for £3113.00 was requested to pay for this equipment. The second phase was intended to be a toddler climbing frame and play boat for younger children, and the third phase a zip-wire for older children, subject to a larger grant from the National Lottery for All. A fourth stage might be a play dome with slide and a mini skate park, again subject to a successful grant application possibly from WREN. If there were funds left it may be possible to add picnic benches or chimes for disabled children. If applications were successful it might be possible to have all stages completed by spring 2017.

Cllr Wright suggested installing a sign to give publicity to the grant providers, which might also be sponsored by local businesses.

The village and school fetes would also be good opportunities to publicise the project and a press release at the end of the summer might also be considered.

The committee continued to be concerned about the on-going maintenance of the existing climbing frame/walkway/monkey bars equipment, although it had been assessed as being in reasonable condition for its age.

5. To discuss correspondence:

- 5a.** The council had received a letter about the Centenary Fields initiative, an initiative for the protection of green spaces in perpetuity in association with the Royal British Legion and Fields in Trust (the National Playing Fields Association). This was on the agenda for the Parish Council Meeting.

6. **To receive items for the next agenda:**
The terms of reference for the playground committee.

7. **To receive items for information:**
There were none.

8. **Date of next meeting:** to be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.24pm.

Signed..... Dated.....
Chairman