

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Playground Committee of Kirby Cane & Ellingham
Parish Council on Tuesday, 19th July 2016 17th January 2017 at 7pm in the Memorial
Hall, Kirby Cane**

Present:

Julie Pickering Lesley Lodge Iain Wright
Also County Councillors Margaret Stone, parish councillor John Cook and clerk to the council, Jane Love.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:-** there were none.

2. **Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation:**

Cllr Iain Wright declared a possible interest as a trustee of the Kirby Cane Charity.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on 19th July 2016**

The minutes of the committee meeting on 19th July 2016 were agreed to be correct and were signed by the chairman.

4. **To receive reports from committee members:**

Cllr Pickering reported that the committee had to date received grants totalling £46,899.23, as listed below. In addition the project had been accepted for the Tesco Community Bags of Help initiative in local stores, as well as the Asda Lowestoft Help the Community Scheme. This should result in grants of at least £1000 and £200 respectively.

The next installation phase of the project was to install a zip wire in the next few months using funding received from the South Norfolk Council Neighbourhood Fund and the Geoffrey Watling charity. District Cllr Billig was thanked for her assistance with securing the Neighbourhood funding.

Updated quotes had also been received to refurbish the existing large climbing frame by replacing nets and ropes and adding a slide and some kind of climbing wall. The climbing frame was basically in good condition and by refurbishing rather than replacing this item, more funds would be available for new items of play equipment. Updated quotes have also been acquired for a small scooter/skate park for younger children with the intention of siting it in the corner of the playing field. Images will be placed on the Facebook page "Funding for Ellingham & Kirby Cane Playground" and comments on preferences for different styles of ramp were invited. Both these aspects of the project would be funded by the generous donation from WREN.

This will complete the initial project but the committee planned to raise further funds to add other items such as a basic bicycle shelter (which could also double as a rain shelter for playground users), more benches/picnic tables, a litter bin inside the railings, sensory equipment such as musical instruments, and a special needs swing seat, the aim being to make the playground as accessible as possible for all members of the community.

The advertising board was still a work in progress.

Work to improve the carpark and pedestrian access points was not planned until the beginning of the next financial year as a decision on the 50/50 Norfolk County Council funding was awaited.

5. **To review grants received and expenditure approved to date:**

INCOME

Ellingham United Charities	£	1,750.00	(granted in 2015/16 financial year)
Kirby Cane Charity	£	300.00	(granted in 2015/16 financial year)
Adnams Brewery	£	1,932.30	
Saracens Fund	£	2,500.00	
Dulverton Trust Fund	£	3,000.00	
Parish Council grant	£	2,500.00	

Kirby Cane Charity	£	500.00
Ellingham United Charities	£	1,000.00
SNC Neighbourhood Fund	£	5,000.00
Total	£	<u>18,482.30</u>

EXPENDITURE

Cost of nest swing (ex VAT)	£	2,594.25
Cost of Playboat (ex VAT)	£	6,591.12
Cost of Rockers & Table (ex VAT)	£	2,580.00
Payment to recycling charity as required for WREN grant	£	2,500.00
Total	£	<u>14,265.37</u>

Balance in hand @ 17/1/2017	£	<u>4,216.93</u>
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Grants expected but not yet received

WREN	£	21,000.00
Geoffrey Watling	£	2,000.00
Asda Community Award	£	200.00
Tesco Bags of Help	£	1,000.00
Possible balance available	£	<u>28,416.93</u>

6. **Opportunity for public participation:**
No members of the public were present.
7. **To discuss correspondence:**
There was none.
8. **To receive items for the next agenda:**
Possible project launch ceremony in June.
9. **To receive items for information:**
There were none.
10. **Date of next meeting:** to be advised

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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