

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

Present:

Julie Pickering

Iain Wright

Also District Councillor Kay Billig, parish councillors John Cook, Lawrence Cannard and Mike Wickenden and clerk to the council, Jane Love.

1. **To receive apologies for absence:-** Lesley Lodge.

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

Cllr Iain Wright is a trustee of the Kirby Cane Charity. Cllr Pickering also declared an interest in item 8.

3. **To approve the minutes of the meeting on 24th May 2016**

The minutes of the committee meeting on 24th May were agreed to be correct and were signed by the chairman.

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

Cllr Pickering reported that in addition to the grants already received, an application had been made to South Norfolk Council's Neighbourhood Fund and District Cllr Billig had added a letter of support.

A toddler playboat and a "springer" would soon be installed for use by smaller children, to add to the nest swing already in place, and further phases are dependent on the success of other grant applications. The aim was still to complete all phases by spring 2017.

Although it had only been possible to attend the Memorial Hall fete for a short time due to poor weather, the Ellingham School fete had been very successful and Cllr Pickering thanked all those who had attended and ensured the profile of the playground project remained high.

Cllr Pickering suggested that a board should be erected at the playing field to publicise the charities that have given grants to the project, which could also be used to attract commercial advertising from local businesses. An annual charge of £50 per advertisement was mentioned. The Clerk was asked to write to the Ellingham United Charity to get the approval of the Trustees.

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

Ellingham United Charities	£ 1,750.00	
Kirby Cane Charity	£ 300.00	
Adnams Brewery	£ 1,932.30	
Saracens Fund	£ 2,500.00	
Dulverton Trust Fund	£ 3,000.00	
Parish Council grant	£ 2,500.00	
Total	<u>£ 11,982.30</u>	
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
Total		<u>£ 11,765.37</u>
Balance Remaining		£ 216.93

Cllr Pickering explained that a further application would be made to the Geoffrey Watling Charity. A total of £45,000 more would be applied for, with £38,850 earmarked for new equipment.

6. Opportunity for public participation:

District Cllr Billig explained that a decision was awaited on the Neighbourhood Grant, but she could not see why this would not be forthcoming in a couple of weeks. Cllr Billig was thanked for her assistance.

7. To consider the committee's terms of reference:

The draft document forwarded to committee members was approved with one small amendment.

8. To consider laying tarmac in the carpark:

Cllr Wright reported that he had obtained a couple of quotes to improve access to the playing field from the carpark area but they are rather high. The suggestion had been made to change the gate currently giving access from the carpark to the playing field and putting this at the other end of playing field to make the pedestrian access opposite the school more secure for small children but there was some doubt about the best way forward. Cllr Wright queried whether it might be necessary to put tarmac all the way from the carpark gate through to the roadside to facilitate access. The clerk was asked to confirm the terms of the grant that had already been received for the gate, and she also undertook to check with Highways about disabled access requirements for public areas.

9. To discuss correspondence:

There was none.

10. To receive items for the next agenda:

None were specified.

11. To receive items for information:

There were none.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 20th September at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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