

Playing Field Management Committee

Minutes of a Meeting held in The Upper Meeting Room, Trull Church Community Centre, on Wednesday 31st January 2018.

Present: Ms T Dean (Chairman), Mrs J Wooldridge, Mrs D Johnson, Mr B Pretty, Mr A Kent, Mrs Sue Khattab, Mrs Anne Clark together with 1 member of the public.

In attendance: Mrs B Howat - Clerk

12/18 **Apologies for Absence**

Mr M Hughes, Mrs L Brierley, Mr D Vesty.

13/18 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2018**

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2018 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

14/18 **Co-option of non-voting members**

Under the PFMC Terms of Reference the Committee have the power to co-opt up to five representatives of user groups and the local community in a non-voting capacity. The bookings secretary Mrs Sue Khattab, Southwell Close resident Mrs Anne Clark, and Mr David Vesty on behalf of Trull Scout Group had been co-opted on 10th January 2018.

Mrs Andie Waylett from the Bell House and Mrs Jo Davenport representing regular Pavilion users had also expressed an interest to be co-opted.

Resolved: To co-opt Mrs Waylett and Mrs Davenport as non-voting members with immediate effect.

15/18 **The preferred location for the shelter**

A decision to proceed with the shelter and seek funding towards it was taken by Trull Parish Council in September 2016. A consultation process had taken place which included a wide cross section of the community including the Scout and Explorer groups. Advice was also taken from officers in the parks and planning departments at TDBC, the Fields in Trust, and play equipment consultants. A location had been chosen by the PFMC working group in the area designated for older children on the approved KGV Playing Field plan.

Mr and Mrs Waylett from The Bell House had since made a formal objection to the planned location and addressed the last PFMC on behalf of their neighbours Mr and Mrs Barker as well. They were concerned that the chosen position is near open water and an unfenced area with a steep bank. The location is dark and isolated which could lead to feelings of exclusion and incidents of antisocial behaviour. The position of the shelter would also affect their privacy and enjoyment of the garden.

The Wayletts and Barkers were subsequently invited to review the planned siting of the shelter at a PFMC working group site meeting.

Further advice was taken from the parks department at TDBC with an officer on site.

Mr Pretty had also carried out measurements demonstrating that the planned location of the shelter was further from the Bell House than any other property, and altering its position in the way suggested would make it even closer to other properties.

Having taken all points into consideration the working group felt the planned location was still the best option available to them. However, they felt steps could be taken to address safety concerns regarding the open area leading to the Sherford Stream.

Resolved:

1) To proceed to build the shelter in its planned position.

2) To erect a fence around the open area between the shelter and the bank to minimise any risks from proximity to the Sherford Stream.

16/18 **The preferred location for cycle humps**

Soil excavated during groundworks for the shelter would be used to create new cycle humps to replace those that had previously been in the playing field. The location chosen following confirmation of the proposed positioning of the shelter was at the bottom of the field down the middle close to where the hedge had once been. Mr Pretty noted that a mains waterway had been constructed along the length of the old hedge which would need to be avoided.

Resolved: To arrange for soil from the shelter groundworks to be deposited in the chosen location for the cycle humps.

17/18 **The preferred location for the kick wall**

The PFMC had approved the rebound design of kick wall from GB Sport and Leisure Ltd at a cost of £8,578 plus VAT. The working group had initially earmarked the kick wall for a site perpendicular to the path by the wildlife area. This was dependent on the ultimate position of the shelter. Members felt the planned location at the bottom of the field perpendicular to the path was still suitable.

Mr Kent requested that an updated copy of the plan showing the approved location of the kickwall, the cycle humps and the shelter was attached to the minutes and posted on the website.

Resolved: To place the kick wall at the bottom of the field perpendicular to the footpath between the shelter and the cycle humps.

18/18 **Planting of trees**

Mrs Brierley had been advised that the pack of trees being donated by the Woodland Trust was due to be delivered between 2nd and 14th March. The Clerk had made arrangements with Trull Primary School for the trees to be stored in the forest school area if necessary.

Questions were raised over how many trees were being delivered and whether they come with sleeves and posts or if these would need to be purchased. There were also concerns over ongoing maintenance costs and exactly where the trees would be planted. The Chairman suggested that further discussion was deferred until the next meeting when Mrs Brierley would be able to respond.

Resolved: To defer discussion over the planting of trees until Mrs Brierley was present.

19/18 **Hire charge for Party in the Park.**

The PIP Committee had requested use of the Pavilion from 9.30am to 11.30pm on Saturday 21st July. When the last event was held in 2016 the PFMC agreed to make a discounted charge of £50 for the day as the event is non-profit making.

Resolved: To allow the PIP Committee use of the Pavilion on Saturday 21st July 2018 for the discounted price of £50.

20/18 **Pavilion users requests and issues**

Mrs Davenport reported some outstanding issues with cleanliness particularly on a Tuesday morning. She was advised that these were being addressed and improvements should be seen soon.

Mrs Davenport requested a list of other Pavilion users in order to liaise over any issues.

Mrs Davenport asked if it would be possible to install some wall lights so that Pavilion users could enjoy less harsh lighting when required. Mr Kent noted that any wall lights would need to be robust in order to withstand the threat of damage.

Resolved: To seek a quotation for six bulk head wall lights.

Mr Pretty asked for a vote of thanks to the Clerk to be recorded.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.25 pm.

Signed..... Chairman of the Playing Field
Management Committee

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