



**MINUTES of the meeting of Feering Parish Council Playing Field Sub. Committee held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Parish Office**

Present: Cllr P. Lees (Chairman), Cllr K. Evans, Cllr C. Newton and Kevin Money (Clerk).  
Members of the public: 0

**19/2017 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES.** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr M. Bonner, Cllr R. Carpenter and Mr. Simon Gibbs

**20/2017 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary, or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda

No Councillor declared any Disclosable Pecuniary, other Pecuniary, or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda

**21/2017 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A period of 5 minutes when members of the public can speak about Playing Field matters  
There were no questions from the public

**22/2017 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF THE PLAYING FIELD SUB. COMMITTEE**

To receive and agree the minutes of the last meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>. August 2017  
Cllr C. Newton proposed and Cllr K. Evans seconded that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. **This was agreed unanimously**

**23/2017 UPDATE ON CONDITION OF PLAYING FIELD – given by Simon Gibbs**

In the absence of Mr. Simon Gibbs the Clerk read out a report that Simon Gibbs had supplied to him. It read:

*I have had a brief inspection of the playing fields this morning. Apart from the Rye Mill Lane end of the main field which always grows long at all times of the year (due to the shading effect of the trees) the field looks in reasonable condition. I still have not ordered any fertiliser but will wait till the Spring and give the whole area a boost then. The Autumn has been a good growing period though the grass is soft and therefore does not cut very well and leaves a bit of mess behind. When I looked at the small field it was in remarkably good condition all things considered. I will try to keep cutting it higher than usual so that it spreads, but we will see what happens during the Winter. I will try to spike as much as I can over the early Winter which will help with drainage.*

*There is some evidence of rabbit damage and the obvious mole problem when the ground gets soft. I will be contacting Graham Bendall about the cricket pitch so will ask him to do something about the moles on the playing fields at the same time. We cannot realistically do anything about the rabbits but monitor and get Graham Adams to fill holes if they become Hand S issues.*

**24/2017 PLAY EQUIPMENT – CIF grant of £4000 has been agreed. Councillors to decide the allocation of this grant money and match funding monies**

Councillors discussed obtaining new play equipment. A long-term vision is a fitness trail around the

village which also incorporates the new development in the village. A new slide or a tube slide to be considered. Councillors agreed to a budget of £8,000. This was proposed by Cllr P. Lees and seconded by Cllr C. Newton. **This was agreed unanimously.**

**25/2017 UPDATE ON ANNUAL INSPECTION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Following the zip wire being taken out of commission a repair budget of £5,000 be allocated to repair the zip wire. Cllr C. Newton proposed and Cllr P. Lees seconded that the zip wire be repaired by installing new matting, repairing the mound and adjusting the stop.

**This was agreed unanimously.**

**26/2017 ANY OTHER PLAYING FIELD MATTERS**

Councillors asked the Clerk to look at the Annual report and to give the Full Council an update and progress on getting the equipment up to the report recommendations.

The committee agreed to have a long-term project for the recreation ground. Also looking at new grant funding organisations.

**AGREE DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. December 2017**

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Key priorities for the next 3 years on the recreation ground.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm and thanked everyone for attending

Signed.....9<sup>th</sup>. January 2018

**Paul Lees**