



**MINUTES of the MEETING of FEERING PARISH COUNCIL PLAYING FIELD COMMITTEE
held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 at 8.00 pm
in the Parish Office of Feering Community Centre**

Present: Cllr P Lees (Chair) Cllr D Leach (Vice-Chair) Cllr C Newton
Simon Gibbs Lisa Collins, Clerk to the Council
Members of the Public: 0

013/2019 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Apologies were received from Cllr Carpenter.

014/2019 Declaration of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary, Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the Agenda.
No declarations of interest were received.

015/2019 To approve the Minutes of the last Playing Field Sub-Committee Meeting.

It was **resolved** that the minutes of the meeting of the Playing Field Sub-Committee on 11 June 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Newton proposed; Cllr Leach seconded.

016/2019 Public Participation Session

The Chairman will invite questions and observations from members of the public present. A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed.
No questions from the public.

017/2019 Update on Condition of Playing Field – Simon Gibbs

Simon Gibbs informed the Committee that he has obtained 2 quotes from Bury Turfcare and Robert Buchanan in relation to the work to be undertaken. Discussion was had around the two quotes and what they include and what would be better value for money for the field in the long term. Simon Gibbs suggested that maintenance of the playing field should be undertaken with possibly Verti-draining the fields undertaken every 2 years. It was also suggested that the field should be fertilised before the commencement of work and Simon Gibbs would undertake this prior to the works commencing towards the end of August. With regard to fencing off the area, it was discussed that we could possibly use Plastic Mesh Barrier Safety Fencing and pins. The cost for this would be approximately £300. After consideration, it was **agreed** that the committee would take the quote from Robert Buchanan plus the cost of the fencing to full council for their approval.

Simon Gibbs left the meeting at 20.47.

018/2019 Annual Inspection of Playground Equipment

The Clerk informed the Council that playground maintenance is being undertaken by the handyman and the items which are required to fix the basket swing are being purchased. It was discussed that the Cone Climber bearings have not yet been ordered. It was discussed whether it should be purchased directly from the manufacturer and the handyman should install the bearings. It was agreed that the clerk would question the manufacturer as to whether a professional should install the bearings or whether the self

install is satisfactory and could be undertaken by the handyman. It was agreed that the cone climber would be taken out of service until the bearing issue has been fixed.

019/2019 Play Equipment

The clerk informed the committee that we are waiting to hear from companies whether they would be prepared to carry out a service plan. It was discussed that GG Adams should be sent on the Routine Play Inspection course, but this would not be necessary if we are going to have a service plan. This item to be deferred to the next meeting.

020/2019 Playing Field and MUGA hire / usage

Halsted Town FC has requested the use of the football pitch as their home. It was discussed that we would look into having the lines initially painted for the team and then they would be required to continue marking the lines using the equipment which is in the container. It was also discussed that the FC has requested a reduction in the fees. It was **agreed** that this would be confirmed as it was better to have the pitch used and if it is all marked out we may be able to entice

021/2019 Playing Field Byelaws

The clerk has received a response from the Communities Department of the Government who informed that they do not keep copies of the Byelaws but that it could be held with Defra. The Clerk then contacted Defra who were unable to help but pointed in the direction of the local authority or the local access forum. Both have been contacted however ELAF does not keep these records, and BDC legal department are looking at their files and have not yet responded with any confirmation of whether they hold the Byelaw. Having looked on the Defra website, it is clear that any byelaw which has made should be held by the authority who made it, but that a byelaw does not expire unless there are amendments made to it. Parish Council's are no longer able to make byelaws or Dog Control Orders and need to be made through the local authority.

022/2019 Items for Next Agenda

- i Play Equipment Service Plan
- ii Playing Field Update

Date of Next Playing Field Committee Meeting TBC

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 21.26 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Signed
Paul Lees

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