

**Minutes of the Play Areas Committee Meeting held at  
Church House on Thursday 3 November 2011 at 7pm**

**Present:** Councillor M Brampton, Councillor D Marsden, Councillor J Watson, Mrs J Binns, Mrs L Mudd

**Also Present:** Councillor C Dowie and the Assistant Town Clerk

PA-11001. Councillor Watson was elected Chairman.

PA-11002. There were no apologies for absence.

PA-11003. Declarations of interest were **received** from Councillor Brampton, Councillor Marsden and Mrs Binns.

PA-11004. **Minutes and Matters Arising**

The Committee **received** a copy of the Terms of Reference. Terms of Reference no. 4 refers to the budget for the Play Areas. The amount for this year needs to be clarified and will become an agenda item for the next meeting.

PA-11005. **Public Session:** Councillor Dowie said that she had received a complaint regarding dog fouling at Ryedale View Play Area. Some mess has also been noticed in Old Road. The Assistant Clerk will notify the Dog Warden and also seek advice regarding dogs in Play Areas, purchasing an extra dog bin and notices about dogs on leads in Play Areas.  
Councillor Dowie is concerned about the gate at Old Road which leads onto Howe End/Old Road. This gate is usually open and could be a hazard for small children exiting the Play Area onto the road. The Assistant Clerk will look at fencing or a kissing gate as a replacement.

PA-11006. **Safety and Litter Picking:**

The Committee **decided** to continue with the present arrangement of Committee Members litter picking at Old Road Play Area.

- a. The Committee **agreed** to allow the Assistant Clerk to find out how much it would cost for Ryedale District Council (RDC) to litter pick at Old Road.
- b. The Committee **agreed** to 3 quarterly checks being carried out by a Play Inspector from Park Lane Playgrounds and that ROSPA will continue to carry out the annual inspection.
- c. The Committee **decided** against pursuing training for individuals at this present time but would welcome advice from Park Lane Playgrounds on how to check equipment on a weekly basis.

PA-11007. **Old Road Play Area** – The Committee **agreed** to delegate the changing of the wording on the main noticeboard at Old Road to the Assistant Clerk who will instruct a sign writer.

PA-11008. **Ryedale View Play Area**

- a. The Committee **agreed** to replacing the broken fence along one side of the Play Area and replacing it with a wooden one.
- b. The Committee **received** information regarding the state of the mosaic panels and the Assistant Clerk will ask Rural Arts in Thirsk for advice on repairing or replacing them.
- c. The Committee **agreed** that the Tower be hosed down by staff from Streetscene at Ryedale District Council a cost of £76.
- d. The Committee noted that Allgardens have removed weeds from the scrub area that borders the Play Area with gardens on Ryedale Crescent and **agreed** to a quote to allow Allgardens to under plant 25 shrubs in this area.
- e. The Committee **agreed** to a quote from Allgardens for tidying up the middle area of the woodland walk, the cutting back of brambles by the path and the clearance of fallen leaves on the path.

The Committee **agreed** that this list along with minute no. 11007 must be produced as an agenda item at the next Ordinary Council meeting as the Committee is not aware of the allocated budget. The Town Council must ratify these decisions.

PA-11009. **Questions to the Chairman**

Councillor Brampton spoke about an item he will put forward to the Town Council. He proposes that the fence at the Old Road Play Area that runs parallel to Old Road be moved in order to make more car parking space. This will help in the Market Place where there are limited car parking spaces.

Councillor Marsden said that some of the teenagers have been asking about an area to play basketball. The Assistant Clerk will seek advice about putting hoops at the skatepark as there may be some safety issues. It was suggested that the Sportsfield Association be approached regarding a basketball court. The Assistant Clerk will contact RDC regarding section 106 money from the new homes initiative in Ryedale and if the Town Council is allowed to suggest ways of spending this money in Kirkbymoorside.

- PA-11010. The Committee **agreed** to meet at Old Road Play Area for a site visit of both Play Areas at 9.30 am on Tuesday 29 November.
- PA-11011. The date of the next Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 29 November at 10.30am in Church House, following the site visit.

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**Chairman**  
29 November 2011