

## Kirkbymoorside Town Council

### Minutes of the Play Areas Committee Meeting held in Church House on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012 at 6.00pm

**Present:** Councillor J Watson (Chair), Councillor M Brampton, Mrs J Binns,

**Also Present:** 4 Members of the public, Mr R Gibbeson (Acting Clerk)

PA-12000 Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dowie and Ward and Mrs L Mudd.

PA-12001 **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Brampton and Mrs Binns declared interests insofar as they lived close to Old Road play area.

Cllr Brampton also declared a potential interest in relation to the Council applying for CIF grant funding for the play areas while he had an involvement with other groups also possibly applying for funding.

PA-12002 **Minutes and Matters Arising**

- a) The Minutes of the meeting held on 6 August were approved.
- b) There were no matters arising

PA-12003 **Public Session**

Users of the Old Road Skate park attending the meeting asked the Council to improve the ramps so that scooters and bikes could be used, skate boards being less popular now. Options had been considered previously by the committee and it was noted that these were expensive having been costed at around £16,000. The users also asked that some basic maintenance be carried out to one of the smaller ramps to remove a trip hazard at the joint between the tarmac base and ramp and also for consideration that one of the 'grind boxes' be removed. The maintenance was **agreed**.

Cllr Watson said that the Council intended to apply for (part) funding of improvements to the skate park through the Community Investment Fund. There was to be an event on 18 October 5-7pm at which community projects could be showcased and voted upon prior to their being put forward to Ryedale District Council for consideration. She asked that skate park users attend the event to set out their needs and support the Council's bid. This was **agreed**.

Other sources of funding were also considered including Sport England and County Council youth support funding. Pepsi also had a charity fund for projects of this type. It was **agreed** that these be examined.

Pa-12004 **Old Road Play Area**

- a) Park Lane Playgrounds Inspection Report August 2012 – it was noted that no significant items had been highlighted. However it was **agreed** that nettles under the toddler slide be removed and that the chains on the tyre swing be renewed

as a precautionary measure.

It was further **agreed** to determine whether the Park Lane inspection reports satisfied insurers' requirements and if so to dispense with the additional ROSPA inspections.

- b) Damage to skate park equipment and repairs – it was noted that damage had been caused to one of the ramps by loosening it and making it unsafe. Streetscene had quickly carried out repairs at no charge.
- c) Upgrades to skate park equipment – item dealt with in the Public Session.
- d) Signage at skate park in relation to users' ages – it was decided not to proceed with this type of signage at the present time.
- e) Tyre swing – concern had been expressed at groups of older boys on one occasion using this swing, potentially overloading it, causing damage to the equipment and possible injury to the users. Following the intervention of a committee member on one occasion, concern had been expressed by a parent that there was no signage setting out the limitations of the equipment, permitted users' ages etc.  
It was **agreed** that manufacturers' recommendations in relation to users be checked and that signage be erected setting out limitations on use of the tyre swing.
- f) It was noted that there had been evidence that alcohol was being consumed on occasions at both play areas. It was **agreed** that the police be advised and asked to patrol the areas. It was also **agreed** to check whether the Old Road play area fell within the town's designated 'no alcohol' area.
- g) Play Area Sign and Repairs to gates – the sign supplier had been reminded of the urgency of installing the sign and had promised to carry out the work in the current week. Additional prices had been requested for repairs to the gates. One remained outstanding and when received a decision would be taken for the repairs to be carried out.

PA-12005 **Ryedale View Play Area**

- a) Park Lane Playgrounds Inspection Report August 2012 – it was again noted that no significant matters had been highlighted but it was **agreed** that the trip hazard reported in Appendix A be repaired.
- b) Mosaic – significant damage had been caused to one of the mosaic panels such that it was now beyond repair. It was **agreed** that the damaged section be cleared away but that no further repairs be carried out.
- c) Weed clearance – works in hand were noted. It was also **agreed** that strimming as carried out earlier in the year be put in place on a twice yearly basis.

PA-12006 **Financial Report**

Expenditure in the year to date of £423.88 had been incurred being maintenance, inspections and installation of an additional bin at the Old Road site.

PA-12007 **Next Meeting**

The date for the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 20 November 2012 at 6pm.

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**Chairman**