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Minutes of a meeting of the Play Areas & Sports Committee held at The Moorside Room, Kirkbymoorside, on Thursday 26th June 2014 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs M Brampton, J Cossins, J Coughlan, and J Goodyear.

Also present: 3 members of the public

PAS14001 The committee **resolved** to elect Councillor Brampton Chairman for the year 2014-15.

PAS14002 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dowie and Cllr Watson, J Langham, L Mudd and S Temple.

PAS14003 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

John Goodyear declared an interest in so far as he is a member of the Squash Club.

PAS14004 MINUTES & MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the Play Areas committee meeting held on 6 December 2013 were **approved** and signed.

The minutes of the Sports Committee meeting held on 8 April 2014 were **approved** and signed.

There were no matters arising.

PAS14005 PUBLIC SESSION

None.

PAS14006 It was **noted** that S106 funds have been authorised for bids submitted on behalf of the Cricket, Football, Pigeon, Squash and Tennis Clubs and the play areas committee in respect of the skatepark.

The Town Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation from Gary Housden that the documentation provided in support of the skatepark project was sufficient to obtain the grant funds, however, to date no monies had been received. It was not clear how the monies would be made available to the bid applicants who required funding in advance of expenditure. The Town Clerk offered to pursue the matter with Gary Housden and circulate the requisite information to all parties upon receipt of the same.

PAS14007 The Town Clerk reported that the issuance of leases and pitch licence for the sports clubs was progressing with Hedleys.

PAS14008 The Town Clerk confirmed that all levy payments have been received for 2014/15.

PAS14009 It was **noted** that pursuant to minute SC13045d) the order for a Sports Field Sign has been submitted to NYCC Highways Authority and confirmation had been provided by NYCC Highways Authority that the sign would be installed no later than 15 July 2014.

Cllr Joe Coughlan arrived at 7.30pm

PAS14010 Repairs authorised at the sportsfield were **noted**.

PAS14011 Repairs authorised at Old Road and Ryedale View play areas were **noted**.

PAS14012 The recommendation by the Park Lane Playground Inspector to treat all wood play equipment was **noted**. J Goodyear suggested that advice be sought from S.J. Danby Playscheme in respect of the product used in order to guarantee compliance with safety regulations for play equipment. It was suggested and agreed that efforts should be made to engage a volunteer group to carry out the works with the Town Council providing the appropriate materials.

PAS14013 Recommendations for repairs/improvements to the skatepark following a meeting with Chris Hankinson of Lightmain were considered and **agreed**.

PAS14014 It was **noted** that funding is available via the Police Crime Commissioner's Community Fund. In light of the funding secured for improvements and repairs to the skatepark it was suggested that additional funding should be directed to the play area. The provision of a piece of equipment designed for the older youths was discussed with the aim of providing an alternative for the youths who tend to congregate in the toddler play area. Additional improvements to existing equipment would be welcomed dependent upon funding available and recommendations by specialists accounting for the area available. It was noted that the playground at Ebberston is well equipped and would offer a good site for comparison. In order to meet the submission deadline of 7th July it was agreed that the Town Clerk would submit a grant application taking into consideration the issues raised and having sought advice from a play equipment specialist.

The appropriation of grant funding for use at the sportsfield was discussed. The proposals made by Paul Magson on previous occasion for re-structure/development of the sportsfield were discussed and it was consented that due to the magnitude of the project it would be beneficial for all grant opportunities to be explored. It was not clear if/any progress had been made in this regard and the Town Clerk agreed to liaise with Paul Magson directly.

PAS14015 QUESTIONS TO CHAIRMAN

J Goodyear raised concern about the presence of dogs within the play area with particular regard to urinating on the play equipment. It was explained that the matter had been raised on previous occasion and it had been noted that a number of families visit the play area with their dog(s) and they would be excluded if any restrictions were enforced. Invariably the families with dogs are responsible and are mindful of the equipment as it is their own children using it.

PAS14016 NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting will be on 25th September at 7pm in The Moorside Room.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

Signed.....Chairman

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