

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association (TPRAA)

Committee Meeting held in Village Hall Committee Room on Tuesday February 19th
2019

Minutes

Present: Ann Bayliss (Chairman), Jean Wallbridge (Treasurer), Neil Farmer, Janet Hansford, Donna Hammonds, Judy Miller, David Ennals (Secretary).

Apologies: Aaron Carpenter, David Wallbridge, Nigel Phillips.

Matters Arising from Minutes dated Nov 28th 2018: none other than the agenda items below.

Signage: AB was in possession of the old playing field notice and agreed to update it. DE agreed to pursue the issue of two directional arrow signs to be attached to the two telegraph poles opposite the telephone box and the one at the Church Mead turning.

Picnic tables: DW had started work on these, and had removed two to get them dried out ready for the application of oil. DW had requested that the charity pay for the Teak Oil. NP had spoken to DW and he was happy to continue with any structural repairs.

Safety surface: the Committee agreed that Ken Hussey (KH; Inspector) be asked to supply and fit the safety matting at a cost of £385.

Goal posts: DW had removed one in accordance with the September inspection report; the second one is still in place for now. There was discussion about purchasing a new freestanding 5 a side goal - KH had recommended one at a cost of £450. It was thought that our local carpenter (Richard Sherwood; RS) could make a pair of goals far cheaper than this, but DE was to check with KH whether this would meet with safety requirements.

Twin swing frame/Toddler swing: DE had liaised with RS about replacing the twin frame swing with like for like. RS had provided a quote for dismantling and removing £160; materials and labour £980. This was a very reasonable price and there was enthusiasm to proceed. However, NF queried whether the new structure would meet with British Safety Standards conforming to BSEN15312. DE agreed to query this with KH before a final decision could be made. At this stage it is just not possible to pursue a frame for a toddler swing, unless the Lottery application is approved (see funding below).

Funding sources: NF had spent much time on compiling and then submitting a Lottery Funding application for £8,500 under the Chairman's name. AB had sent copies of various legal documents to comply with application regulations. It was hoped that the success or otherwise would be known within 4-6 weeks. The Committee thanked NF and AB for their time and thoroughness on the matter.

DE confirmed that the Parish Council had made a donation to the charity of £800 which it was hoped would cover the cost of grass cutting and insurance.

Grass cutting: DE had liaised James Gibson who had agreed to cut the field; DE had agreed to do the strimming around the equipment and tables.

Financial report: JW reported the current balance to be £2,196.52. JW also confirmed she had submitted the Charity Commission's return up to June 5th 2018.

Review December's inspection report: essential changes are in progress; no further decisions can be made until we know whether the Lottery application has been successful.

Any other business: none.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday May 8th.

D. Ennals.