

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association (TPRAA).

Committee Meeting held in Village Hall Committee Room at 7pm on Friday August 16th 2019

Minutes

1. Present: Janet Hansford, Neil Farmer, David Wallbridge, Jean Wallbridge (Treasurer), Judy Miller, Donna Hammonds, David Ennals (Sec) Ann Bayliss (Chair), Debbie Billen.
2. Apologies: Nigel Phillips.
3. Noise in Playing Field – reports had come through to Committee members that an adult had approached 3 groups of children (one group twice; 6 children in all) complaining/reprimanding them for making too much noise. DE had contacted F.I.T. and Ken Hussey for their advice on the matter. Some useful points were made from their feedback:
 - (1) The distance from the playing field to the alleged complainant's house was approximately 75m – the recommended buffer zone for even the largest playing area is 30m. This is official guidance that local planning authorities refer to.
 - (2) If a resident is threatening/scaring children then legal options should be considered, but in the first instance a parent or Committee member to contact the local PCSO.
 - (3) A complainant may contact Environmental Health Officer.
 - (4) The complainant may download a decibel app, and keep a diary of events too.
 - (5) For playing areas there are no absolute noise thresholds.

It was decided that the following paragraph be submitted to Toller Times:

The Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association Committee is delighted that the new equipment installed in the playing field has attracted so many children who have had the opportunity to play happily and safely, especially during their Summer holiday. However, if an adult has a problem with noise levels please contact a member of the TPRAA Committee in the first instance (details on notice at the playing field and on village website) and to keep their own diary of events. If a parent is concerned about their children being approached by an adult then PCSO Sarah Pilcher should be contacted as a matter of urgency.

4. Young Farmer BBQ to be held on Tuesday August 27th from 7-10pm. The Committee agreed that it would be neighbourly to inform residents in Church Mead of the event. Donna very kindly offered to make a flyer/leaflet to be put through doors.
5. Path construction: DE had now received to quotes for the work, £2700 and £4860. Unfortunately, the remaining funds from the lottery grant would not cover these sums. Jean stated the most we could afford was £1600. Donna agreed to contact a friend who may be able to do the work for this sum. Failing that it was agreed that DE would go back to the person who submitted the cheaper quote to see how much pathing could be installed for this sum.

6. Date of next meeting: Wednesday October 9th at 7pm. This will also be our AGM.
7. It was decided that the following paragraph be printed.

Meeting closed at 8pm. DE (Secretary).