

Toller Porcorum Recreational Area Association

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held in Village Hall Committee Room at 7pm on
Wednesday February 12th

Minutes

1. Present: Neil Farmer (Chairman), David Wallbridge, Jean Wallbridge (Treasurer), Judy Miller, Debbie Billen, David Ennals (Sec).
2. Apologies: Becky Kenway, Donna Hammonds, Nigel Phillips. For personal reasons, Ann Bayliss wished to resign her position as a trustee. The Committee unanimously wished to thank her for her time as its Chairman and for all her input over the last 18 months.
3. Matters Arising from Minutes dated October 9th 2019 (other than agenda items).
Playing Field hedges had not as yet been trimmed. DB was going to liaise with James, but the lower part of the field is waterlogged so trimming may have to wait a year.
4. Financial Report: JW reported that the balance was £5,010.46 of that £1,716 remained from the lottery grant. JW said she had updated the accounts on the Charity Commission's website.
5. Inspection Reports: Ken Hussey's (KH) January 2020 – there were no pressing issues. Only action required was to keep the equipment maintained; lack of pathing received quite a few mentions.
6. Purchase & installation of new equipment: all agreed a Spring Rocker was to be the next piece of equipment, preferably one that has seating for 2 children. DE agreed to approach KH for costings. It was also agreed to position this in line with the swings but towards the top end of the field.
7. Construction of new path: DE stated that the 2 quotes received to date were £2,700 and £4,860. From his own experience, DE suggested that the lower quote was very reasonable in view of the fact that a digger would need to be hired. DE did warn that this quote was nearly 6 months old but he would approach KH to find out whether the price remained the same. The Committee hoped that the purchase and installation of the Spring Rocker and pathing would amount to approximately £3,500.
8. Village Breakfast Saturday April 18th (0830 – 1100am): Jane Ennals was planning this event and had agreed to split the revenue between TPRAA and the Church. It was hoped that parents of youngsters would support the event.

9. A.O.B: DW agreed to continue with preserving the picnic tables etc., NF had agreed to help with any ongoing maintenance. BK had suggested that we should look at purchasing outdoor gym equipment – it was thought such items would be very expensive, but nevertheless once the Rocker and pathing had been paid for such a purchase would be looked into as a future goal. NF agreed to move the goal as suggested in KH's report. NF highlighted that DAPTC were running a course for Trustees, anyone interested? NF agreed to write a short report of our work for the March edition of Toller Times. DB agreed to investigate, through Artsreach, the possibility of an outdoor theatre performing on the Playing Field.

10. Date of next meeting: Wednesday May 20th in VH at 7pm.

Meeting ended 2005 hours.
DE (Secretary).