

Minutes of the Old School Field Committee Meeting 7th September 2016

Attending: Cllr Y Riley (YR) Mr J Rember (JR) Rev A Denniss (AD)

3.1 Apologies: Cllr H Labram (HL)

3.2 Minutes of the last meeting: It was agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

3.3 Matters Arising: Boomtown organisers had approached the PC offering £1k per annum for community projects. The Trustees could potentially bid for some of this money when received from Boomtown.

3.4 Review of the 2016/2017 H&S Report: The report was discussed. It was felt that mitigation for several of the medium risks could be achieved by good ownership and rules signage. The committee reviewed and amended a proposed ownership sign that would be displayed on the Church Lane and kissing gates to the field. Clarity on the ladder grip requirements is to be sought so that the risk can be mitigated. Everybody agreed that the replacement of the tower was the top priority for investment given it did not comply with safety regulations.

Action: To discuss the ladder risk with Neil Adams and to flag up the Tower H&S issues with full council. New 2016/17 action plan to be drawn up (now attached) **YR**

3.5 Parish Council Budget setting 2017/18.: It was agreed to ask for a similar sum as last year to be set aside for the replacement of the Tower. If this was ear marked the sum available at the end of FY 17/18 for the tower replacement should amount to approximately £7K. All agreed to a consultation exercise on the preferred options for replacement. Timing to be confirmed once resource availability is secured.

Action: To submit a request for Budget funding of £2500 in FY 17/18 **YR/HL**

3.6 Field Boundaries: JR update the committee on his discussions with Mr McPherson, who has kindly agreed to transfer the ownership of the small strip of land on the southern boundary close to the access gate, to the Trustees. Mr McPherson has yet to instruct his solicitor but JR was hopeful this would be done in the near future. It was agreed that if the lands ownership did pass to the Trustee's then there was some remedial work needed on the tree's and surface. The current right of way for the Old Rectory would be maintained.

Action: JR to update committee as and when the situation progresses **JR**

3.6 Hiring of the field: JR reported that the trustee's felt that charging for weddings only was suffice. YR detailed the damage to the field when used in the spring for a funeral, the quote for repairing the ruts was £125. This work has yet to be funded.

Action: JR to liaise with the Church Wardens over condition of field before parking is agreed. **JR**

3.7 AOB: None

3.8 Date of Next Meeting: To be confirmed, likely to be held early in 2017.

3.9 Meeting Close: The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.