



**Minutes of the Playing Fields Committee meeting
The Council Chamber, Cinderford,
8th March 2023, 6.30 p.m**

Present:

Cllr M Turner
Cllr C Witham
Cllr N Taylor
Cllr S Reader
Cllr G Morgan
Cllr T Holder
Cllr R Sterry
Les Love (Estates Manager)
Emma Bennett (Clerk)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence**
Cllr D Martin
- 2. Declarations of Interest – to receive any declarations of interest in any matter to be discussed at the meeting. Members and Officers are requested to identify the nature of the interest**
None received.
- 3. Public Participation Session – to provide the opportunity for Members of the Public to raise questions or comment on items on the Agenda (limited to 15 minutes, with a maximum 3 minutes per person)**
Not applicable
- 4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th August 2022**
G Martin was deleted. .
Subject to this change the minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.
Proposed: Cllr M Turner Seconded Cllr: R Sterry
- 5. To receive an update on Cinderford Grows at Steam Mills and St Johns**
An update on tree planting, donation from the National Horticulture Society hedgerow and site works undertaken and planned was provided. Plans for water storage were discussed and Cllr Morgan would visit Drybrook allotments to see their water management.
- 6. Miners Welfare Skatepark**
 - a. To receive an update on planning and agree any resulting actions**
SP Associates were undertaking further works to meet planning requirements.
 - b. To note an update from Archus & Mavericks and agree any resulting actions**
Mavericks had advised they would not be able to start in May as they have a large job that they won't finish until August. Archus are arranging a meeting with Mavericks and the car park contractor to discuss logistics.
- 7. Play areas**
 - A. To receive copies of the staff weekly play area checks and agree any resulting actions**

Reports received from staff. All maintenance staff were trained in weekly playground inspections.

B. To receive the ROSPA Play Safety Inspection Report from October 2022 and January 2023 and agree any resulting actions

Reports received. The maintenance staff were progressing these reports.

C. To receive feedback from Councillors following play area visits and agree any resulting actions

Cllr Witham had visited the Steam Mills & Latimer sites and no issues were highlighted. A follow up on the ground condition at Steam Mills was requested.

8. Allotment/Land Request

To receive an update on allotments and agree any resulting actions

Guidance from SLCC received and noted. Committee discussed that none of the sites identified had water facilities. Costings would be explored.

9. Trees

To receive the latest tree survey and agree any resulting actions noting works scheduled to the Monkey Puzzle tree

Report received. Works had been undertaken on the Monkey Puzzle tree on 7.3.2023. The other tree work identified was not on CTC owned land and details following the inspection had been forwarded to the landowner.

10. General Update

To note Bowling Club correspondence and agree any resulting actions

The renewal lease by reference to an existing lease had been signed. The bowling club were in the process of setting up a Community Interest Company.

To note any Health & Safety & vandalism issues and agree any resulting actions

The graffiti issues were discussed. The Committee discussed changing the perspex for a wooden panel.

Cllr Turner would discuss with the bus company the St White's bus shelter request and stop location.

11. Dockham Road - to receive any update on the green space area and agree any resulting actions

An application had been made under the GCC Levelling Up Together Fund. Details were awaited on this.

12. Date of next Meeting

To be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 7.18pm.

Signed:.....

Date:.....