

Minutes of Stoke Holy Cross Playing Field Committee meeting held at the Pavilion on 2nd December 2021 at 7.30 pm

Present: G Jinkerson (Chair), S Hull, D Thomas,
A Rose ~ Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence;

Apologies were received from Cllr Collins and the Football Club.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd September 2021

These had previously been circulated and were unanimously approved as a true record of the meeting.

3. Matters arising

There were none

4. To receive a report from Stoke United Football Club

Mr Baker's report was circulated to all members in his absence.

The clerk will ask the football club to obtain a quotation from TH Groundcare to cut the playing field fortnightly for 2022.

5. Grass management 2022

After an in-depth discussion members of the Playing Field Committee expressed their preference in continuing to use CGM due the rapport built and their understanding in managing the wildflower areas. The clerk will do her best to provide three quotations for the Council's consideration.

Additional requirements for consideration would be to cut the right-hand side verge on exiting the Pavilion car park (number of cuts to be confirmed) and scarifying the verge in February.

6. Wildflower meadow:

Cllr Jinkerson was pleased to report that they had a good turnout of people when planting the trees to the amenity land, she thanked all those involved and expressed how lovely it was in having both adults and children participating.

Gemma Walker from the Wildlife trust had confirmed that she will be able to attend the Parish Council meeting in February to explain what they do and how they can help.

It was noted that our wildflower would be an addition to the existing bee line between Tas Valley and Poringland.

It was discussed in detail that the Council should consider a landscape architect for the wildflower meadow. Cllr Thomas offered to look into this further and to investigate the cost implications.

7. Defibrillator

Cllr Jinkerson was pleased to report that the Parish Council had agreed to purchase the cabinet and organise an electrician to install the new defibrillator at the Pavilion as soon as possible.

8. Tree survey report

The clerk reported that the survey report had not been received as of yet.

9. Annual play inspection

Upon reviewing the play inspection report the following tasks were unanimously agreed;

- To replace the football nets to the goal posts at Carol Close.

Signed

Date

- To retrieve three quotations to replace the frame and swings at Carol Close. Cllr Jinkerson will look into fundraising for this item.
- Ask Mr Morley to remove the remaining gym equipment at Long Lane playing area, remove redundant post, to hardcore, sand and turf the entrance to the under 12's playing area.

10. Embankment slide

After an in-depth discussion it was agreed by all to proceed with the replacement of the embankment slide. Cllr Jinkerson will contact the play contractors to review their quotations in readiness for the next Parish Council meeting for councillors' consideration.

11. Date of the next meeting

Tuesday 22nd March 2022

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 20:46pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Following Actions below;

- 1) Clerk - to ask football club to provide a quotation to cut the playing field for 2022 using TH Groundcare.
- 2) Clerk - To obtain three quotations for grass and grounds maintenance 2022.
- 3) DT – To look into costings for a landscape architect.
- 4) Clerk – To purchase football nets to the goal posts at Carol Close.
- 5) Clerk – To obtain three quotations to replace the 1 bay 2 flat seat swing at Carol Close.
- 6) Clerk – To ask Mr Morley to remove gym equipment, post and make good the entrance to the U12's play area.
- 7) GJ – To obtain three revised quotations for the embankment slide.