

FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
Extraordinary Recreation Ground Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 7 October 2009, 7.30 pm - Framfield Memorial Hall

Present: Committee Members: Myran Eade (ME) [Chairman], Peter Friend (PF) (Vice Chair), Brian Hodge (BH), Ian Paisley (IP), Rob Newton (RN), Eryl Thomas (ET) and Fred Thurston (FT).

In attendance: Ann Newton (Parish Clerk).

Public: One.

At the meeting, the order of the items on the agenda may be varied in line with public speaking. However, the minutes are detailed in the order of the agenda.

Mark Moore was in attendance to report on his progress with the ROSPA report, as follows:-

Framfield

- The junior swing chains were classified as high risk and should therefore be removed immediately. This was agreed to be done forthwith and a notice erected stating that they were in the process of being replaced. MM offered to let the Clerk have the correct catalogue details for ordering the new parts – some £80 per pair. A seat also needs replacing at a later date.
- The meeting agreed to remove the basketball net and slabs, which were also categorised as High Risk.
- The meeting further agreed to move the football goalpost to stop it wobbling.
- MM stated that he had concerns over the general condition of the junior swings with regard to internal corrosion.
- Seesaw – he thought that the bearings needed replacing.

Blackboys

- The seesaw has been twisted but seems sound.

Palehouse Common

- Again, MM has concerns over possible corrosion on the swings.
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MM agreed to do some of the smaller, low/medium risk tasks on the list and was thanked for all his efforts.

1. Apologies.

There were none.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

3. Framfield Allotments: Update

ET reported that many of the tasks were already underway. A 'master' spreadsheet held and updated by the Clerk would form a detailed log of all the items on the project specification. A briefer version would be provided to everyone as the project progresses. Anyone with updates should pass them either in writing or by email to the Clerk.

Exempt Item:

4. Decision on the Contractor(s) for the three-year Grounds Maintenance Contract commencing 2010.

ME reported that 4 different parties had asked for the tender documentation; 3 have submitted tenders. Following lengthy consideration the Committee asked the Clerk request clarification on a couple of aspects of the quotations with two of the contractors.

5. Any Other Business.

- ME reported that David Martin had replaced the seat at Framelle Mount which was originally put there by his father. The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks to Mr Martin.

- ME asked, as VAT was incurred on the current grass maintenance contracts, to which budgetary allocation were the funds returned when reclaimed, as they should return to the recreation ground budget and not be put back into general funds?

6. Date of Next Meeting.

Wednesday, 18 November 2009 – time to be advised.

Meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman