

Minutes of Stillingfleet Play sub-committee meeting

17 November 2022 – 8.00pm

Attendees	
Councillor Juan Brooks - Chair	Stillingfleet Parish Council
Councillor John Cook	Stillingfleet Parish Council
Councillor Leslie Collingridge	Stillingfleet Parish Council
Councillor Joanne Sears	Stillingfleet Parish Council
Councillor Emma Powell	Stillingfleet Parish Council
Ross Powell	PlayStillingfleet
Apologies	
Sally Lewis	PlayStillingfleet
Item Number	Agenda Item
PLAY2211	<p>To note the granting of a further locality grant of £1,500 and consider recommendations of how this should be spent</p> <p>Ross Powell advised that he met with PlayScheme to discuss purchasing a piece of trail equipment. PlayScheme have provided a quote for a set of 'Swinging Steps' at a substantial discount to match the available funding. It was confirmed that this equipment could be delivered within the current playground area.</p> <p>The Committee considered an alternative option to use a portion of the funds to pipe in the drainage ditch as originally envisaged in the playground plans to address potential Health & Safety concerns.</p> <p>The Committee considered the potential negative ecological impact of piping in the ditch.</p> <p>The Committee discussed fencing the boundary to stop access to the ditch. It was confirmed that playground fencing must conform to specific safety requirements, and at present, sufficient funding wasn't available to deliver this.</p> <p>The Committee considered the extent of the Health & Safety risk posed by the drainage ditch and concluded that the requirement for children to be supervised at all times when using the playground provided sufficient mitigation.</p> <p>However, funding would be sought to fence in the full playground perimeter as soon as possible to mitigate the drainage ditch and possible dog fouling.</p> <p>Decision: The Committee concluded that the additional £1,500 should be spent on the Swinging Steps play equipment.</p>

	<p>Action: Play equipment to be ordered – Ross Powell</p> <p>Post Meeting Note: The Action was completed on 18/11/22</p>
PLAY2212	<p>To confirm procedures are in place and recording set up for the weekly safety inspections</p> <p>Ross Powell advised that PlayScheme have offered only mid-week training sessions to set out the weekly safety inspections requirements which would be difficult for many volunteers to attend.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the option of holding a mid-week event for those able to attend, with further volunteers being trained by the initial group.</p> <p>Decision: The Committee agreed to hold an initial mid-week training session.</p> <p>Action: Arrange training session for a Wednesday or Thursday with PlayScheme – Ross Powell</p>
PLAY2213	<p>To consider the need for a safeguarding risk assessment for the playground following concerns raised by a resident</p> <p>The Committee acknowledged the seriousness of the concerns raised by a resident for the safeguarding of children using the playground.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the steps undertaken to understand the requirements on the Parish Council to undertake a safeguarding risk assessment.</p> <p>Written advice has been received from North Yorkshire Children’s Safeguarding Partnership, Selby District Rural Neighborhood Policing team, and The Yorkshire Association of Local Councils. All advised that there is no requirement for a safeguarding risk assessment of playgrounds.</p> <p>Further supporting advice was discussed from Barlby & Osgodby Parish Council who also confirmed that there is no requirement for a safeguarding risk assessment for playgrounds. Advice from the Parish Council’s Insures, Zurich Insurance, was not available for consideration.</p> <p>Despite this, the Committee considered additional actions that could be taken to address the resident’s concerns. A suggestion to close the footpath providing access to The Green near the playground was discounted as this is not within the Parish Council’s powers.</p>

	<p>The Committee discussed the possibility of implementing 'opening hours' to discourage use at later times, and of making residents aware of local policing issues that could raise safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>Decision: The Committee concluded that, based on the advice received, a safeguarding risk assessment for the playground was not required. However, to ensure the resident's concerns are fully addressed, a member of the Council will discuss with the resident any solutions that could be implemented to address their concerns.</p> <p>Action: Arrange a discussion in a forum of the resident's choosing to discuss the Committee's finding and any additional mitigating solutions – Emma Powell</p>
PLAY2214	<p>To consider what steps the Committee might take should car parking become a recurring problem</p> <p>The Committee discussed a small number of instances where cars have parked at the nearest point to the playground partially blocking access to Swallow House.</p> <p>Decision: The Committee agreed it was a priority to proactively manage the problem through whatever means available within its power.</p> <p>Action: Meet with residents of Swallow House to provide an update on the Committee's discussion and contingency plans – Juan Brooks</p> <p>Action: Purchase No Parking signs for erection on the Highways post outside of Swallow House – Juan Brooks</p> <p>Action: Highlight through the village newsletter that there is no parking at the playground – Juan Brooks</p> <p>Action: Highlight through the village Facebook page that there is no parking at the playground – Emma Powell</p>
PLAY2215	<p>To receive any update from Selby DC Planning regarding the complaint lodged seeking redress for the £350 cost of the aborted ecological survey</p> <p>The Committee were advised that no further response has been received from Selby DC</p>