

## **MINUTES – PLAY SUB-COMMITTEE – 25 MARCH 2022**

In attendance:

Councillors: Paul Elmhirst, John Cook, Lesley Collingridge, Emma Powell

Play Stillingfleet (PS): Ross Powell (PS Chair), Joanne Sears (PS Treasurer)

Clerk: Ruth Swales

Apologies for absence were received from Sally Lewis

### **Play2201: Terms of Reference:**

- A copy of the draft terms of reference for this Sub-Committee had been circulated prior to the meeting. Attendees were invited to let the Clerk have any observations or suggested amendments by 3 April as the intention is to ask the Parish Council to sign off the ToR at its next meeting on 7 April.
- It was agreed that the first draft of the ToR be amended to state that a maximum of 3 PS members would make up the Sub-Committee.

### **Play2202: PS Constitution and minutes of the September 2021 AGM:**

- Ross shared the approved PS constitution together with the minutes of the last AGM held September 2021.

### **Play2203: Grant Applications:**

- Ross confirmed that subject to receiving planning permission £10,000 had been granted by the National Lottery and £10,000 by the Two Ridings Community Foundation which together with the ear-marked reserve from the Parish Council and grant from the ByeLaw Charity would mean a fund of £32,200 has been secured.
- Ross has applications for funding awaiting consideration by Neil Reader (£1,500) and by Richard Musgrave (£2,500) but it was acknowledged these applications may be delayed by the forthcoming council elections.

### **Play2204: Planning Permission:**

- Ross explained that the planning application process had been significantly protracted due to the differing designations being given to the village green by Selby planners and North Yorkshire.
- North Yorkshire appear to be insisting on an ecological survey be undertaken
- The legal advice obtained from YLCA had been circulated ahead of the meeting
- It was agreed that further legal advice be sought from YLCA regarding whether the planners can compel the council to have an ecological survey and upon receipt of their further response the YLCA legal opinion will be shared with Selby DC asking them to produce the legislation they are relying upon. A decision is expected by 18 April.

**Play2205: Clearing the undergrowth and piping in the water outlet:**

- Paul Elmhirst agreed to speak with Richard Daniel to obtain his opinion regarding an appropriate time to undertake the preparatory work required.
- Cllr Cook expressed his reservations at committing the funds required to complete the preparatory work ahead of the resolution of the planning permission dilemma and sounded a note of caution that any undergrowth clearance or ditch enclosure should be undertaken to avoid the nesting/flowering/mating seasons.

**Play2206: Action Plan:**

- Ross advised that up to date costings had been obtained from PlayScheme and that the purchase of the play equipment could be afforded from the funding secured so far and recommended that this be prioritised ahead of consideration regarding the fencing, path and additional matting.
- Ross agreed to provide to the next PC meeting an itemised list of the individual components making up Playscheme’s updated costings.
- Ross offered to draw up an action plan which could be presented to full Council at the next meeting on 7 April.
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Signed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 25 March 2022	PAUL ELMHIRST  PC CHAIR	Date
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