

NORTH FERRIBY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES
Playing Field Committee
13 November 2024

PRESENT: Councillors M.Abraham (Chairman), Holborn & Knight

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk J. Haslope, D.Morgan (Ferriby Shed) and D. Wyndham (Cricket Club)

Minute No.
PFC 24/

- 32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs Blogg & Wood submitted apologies
- 33. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY OR NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST** - D.Morgan declared an interest as a member of the Ferriby Shed and D.Wyndham declared an interest as a member of the Cricket Club.
- 34. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 OCTOBER 2024 – Resolved** – that the minutes be accepted as an accurate record and were signed by the Chairman.
- 35. PUBLIC FORUM** – There was no public speaking
- 36. PARK WARDEN’S REPORT** – The Park Warden reported that there had been some smashed glass in the Skate Park which had been cleaned the following morning. It was also noted that the access gate into the play area has dropped again and the Park Warden will attempt to fix this.
- 37. CLERK’S REPORT**
- 37.1. Monthly Report** – The Clerk reported that the Asbestos survey has been arranged at a cost of £487.50 + VAT, the water had been turned off to the Changing Rooms and the hot water tank had been drained. It was agreed that the grassed part of the car park would be chained off for winter. The presence of electric bikes on the playing field was discussed and concerns raised over the speed that they travel. It was agreed that the Clerk will review any future occurrences and look into the current signage.
- 37.2.** The financial position of the Playing Field Committee was discussed. No concerns were raised.

Cllr Holborn left the meeting

38. OTHER MATTERS

- 38.1. New Path** – The Ferriby Shed require improved access to the workshop and pavilion especially during winter. The various options were discussed and it was agreed that a 2m wide paved path could be created from above the vehicular entrance, running along the western fence line to the new workshop. The Ferriby Shed have Wind Farm funds and other grants that they can use to create the new access.
- 38.2. Know Your North Ferriby event** – At the event three suggestions were made to improve the Playing Fields and each of these were discussed. Goals for football; this will be reviewed when the new pitches are created as part of the new housing development. Rounders equipment; it was agreed that equipment is not provided for any other sport eg tennis rackets and so would not be provided. Gym equipment; this idea will be considered as part of the commuted sum project to improve the play area.
- 38.3. Bowls Club meeting** – It was noted that Cllrs Blogg and Wood arranged a meeting with the ERYC Commuted Sums Officer to see if there was help available to support the struggling bowls club. Cllr M.Abraham and Ward Cllr Hopton also attended the meeting. There is currently no commuted sum money available for sports groups, but details of a small grant for publicity were given.
- 38.4. Over 50s Football** – The request from the over 50s football team to start training on the playing field each Sunday was discussed. There is concern that the increased wear on the pitches may harm the improvement that has been made to the condition of the ground in the last year. It was agreed that permission would be given to train on the eastern pitch and on the area to the north of the cricket square, however if the pitch becomes damaged by the increased use then it would have to stop. The clerk will communicate this to the over 50s team.

- 38.5. **Cricket Club** – A report on the activities of the Cricket Club over the season was given, noting that the improvement to the quality of the outfield had led to several high run scoring matches.
- 38.6. **Playing Pitch Strategy** – The Playing Pitch Strategy newsletter was noted and it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate what was involved in getting a Pitch Power Pitch Assessment Report in order to apply for a grant from the Football Foundation Grass Pitch Maintenance Fund.
- 38.7. **Grounds Maintenance** – The quotations for the Grounds Maintenance contract were reviewed and both contractors had offered pricing for the next 3 years. It was **Resolved** to extend the contract to a 3 year term and to continue with the current arrangements with Ferriby Fencing cutting the playing field at a cost of £4960 + VAT and SJK Garden Services cutting the Skate Park, Play Area and Grange Lane at a cost of £2275.
- 38.8. **Playing Field Committee Budget 2025/26** – The different elements of the budget were discussed and reviewed. It was Resolved that the bid to the Parish Council for 2025/26 would be for £14,000, the same as for the current year. This will enable the playing fields to continue the work to improve the playing surface of the field and repair the southern footpath into the play area.

The meeting closed at : 9.10pm

Date of next meeting : 4th December 2024