

Annual Parish Council Meeting Monday 16th April 2018

Recreation Ground Management Committee Report by Chairman Les Meadows.

Les said the year was going as planned , a meeting with some of Longhope youth had taken place to find out their wants for the future, top of the list was Skateboard Park, and a Shelter to sit and congregate, with this in mind Les and councillor Stevens have visited Yorkley and Newnham Parks to get ideas of type and size of area needed, we only have one area suitable at the rear of the pavilion, we have just had all the hedges cut back to the boundrie's to look at our space available it is o/k, we have had a quote of approx. £18,000.00 from Longhope Welding Company to make, this is very good considering they cost closer to £80,000 from specialised companies for the same thing, in addition we need prices for a tarmac area to put it on, we will be having a meeting with Yorkley to advise us the best way to raise monies they have been very helpful.

A further piece of Play equipment talked about last year as been installed in the childrens play area. But our priority now must be for the older children who have nothing in the Recreation ground for them, Further monies have also been spent on the Tennis Courts but that also will now stop so that we can concentrate on the kids.

The condition of the Pavilion remains good and there are no further needs, we now have our Village tent back and this will be available to use at village events, Longhope Motor Services are not running their event this year which is a shame, it is obviously to late to start organising any thing for this summer but it would be good to see something happen next year and this really needs to be thought about soon, further security cameras and lighting will be needed as part of the skateboard and shelter plan.

We plan to put fund raising posters up in the village and are hoping that people will support this venture because we have to be seen to be helping ourselves and not get every thing given to us we will also need hands to help as well so please look at the posters when they appear, I think the project we are starting and the preparation for a village event next year should keep us busy for the year ahead thank you.