

**Minutes of the Trustee meeting of
LONGHOPE RECREATION GROUND
held online on Monday 10th August 2020**

PRESENT: Cllrs. S Collins (Chair), C Griffiths, L Haines and G Nicholas

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr A Maliphant (Parish Clerk) and one local resident

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. A Toomey
2. There were no declarations of interest
3. There was no discussion in Public Forum
4. The minutes of the Trustee meeting on July 28th were agreed as a true record. It was agreed that the recently sited dog waste bin by the pavilion needed to be re-sited lower down for better access. **ACTION: SC**
- 5. Response to the play safety inspection report**

There was discussion and feedback around the report's recommendations for repairs to the play equipment:

- Four-way springer – the equipment did not need any attention itself, but had been sited within the exclusion zone of the slide on the multi-play
- Junior multi-play (by Church Road) and surrounds – people with experience of maintaining play equipment were needed to carry out the recommended repairs
- Rocking horse – a safety surface could be considered, as an alternative to the flattened grass surface recommended
- Cone climber – repairs would not be straightforward as the recommendations for monitoring also needed to be considered
- See-saw – the recommended actions were clear
- Multi-play (with sliver slides) – this had the most recommended actions, including dealing with the top white bar which isn't working
- Multi-play (with red tunnel) – similar recommended repairs to the above multi-play
- 2 bay swing – the only moderate risk identified, a bucket seat needed replacing
- Ancillary items – fencing and gate repairs had been identified previously

It was agreed to draft two briefs for repair work, one for the play equipment repairs which needed a contractor with previous experience, and one for the fencing work which was more straightforward. **ACTION: AM**

GN suggested repairing the old equipment could be just buying time, and it was agreed to research options for replacing play equipment, and the grants available, as well as ensuring good disabled access and involving young people in the discussions. **ACTION: GN/CG**

It was further agreed to go ahead at once with replacing the damaged bucket seat on the swing, within a budget of £100. **ACTION: GN**

6. Timetable for reopening the Recreation Ground

CG proposed cordoning off the identified moderate risk at the swing but reopening the rest of the play area, posting the signage already agreed and letting the parish know of the consultation on replacing equipment. She herself would be available that week to help with cleaning the equipment with hot soapy water in advance of use.

This proposal was agreed, with the additional recommendation from LH that the damaged bucket seat could simply be taken off, removing the need for any cordoning.

7. Finance

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Gary Nicholas	£394.50	Replacement bins from Roadware
Timberwise	£539.76	Woodworm treatment in pavilion loft
Gary Nicholas	£55.41	Covid secure signage
Gloucester Asbestos Ltd	£390.00	Asbestos survey

8. Community Involvement

GN reported he had been having meetings with members of the Teens Group, who were happy to go ahead with a more traditional A-frame support for the basket swing. He was getting in several quotes for the work for final agreement with the Teens Group, and the supplier of the basket swing itself was happy to exchange it for a version with different shackle points.

CG suggested there could be a co-produced article about the project, noting the need for safety and longevity of the finished swing and the process by which the final outcome was chosen. LH added that there could possibly be a video of the project, including coverage of the installation, and CG said she knew a suitable videographer.

GN said he would circulate details of the equipment, which needed an agreed location, and added that the Teens were keen to have CCTV coverage of the basket swing. It was agreed this needed to be researched including a new CCTV policy. **ACTION: GN/AM**

After further discussion the installation of the basket swing by volunteers was agreed, subject to the relevant safety regulations being shared in advance, and a play safety inspection carried out post-installation. **ACTION: GN/SC/AM**

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Monday 7th September, when the results of the current Recreation Survey would be available.

Signed:.....Chairman. Date:.....