

DRAYTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Open Spaces & Property** Committee held on Thursday 20th September 2018 at 7pm in The Pavilion, King George Fifth Playing Field Drayton High Rd, Drayton

PRESENT

Mr A Crotch – Chairman

Mr J Anderson Mr C Brown Mr G Everett

Mr K Morgan Mr L Wilkinson

Mr J Hall – Parish Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE

None

106. Absence and Apologies for Absence

1. All members were present.

107. Declarations of Interest

2. Nothing further was declared beyond those interests already included on the register of member's interests

108. Public Participation

3. A note from a resident had been given to the Clerk to read out. The note called for the public to be consulted at all stages of the planning of the revamp project to be carried out at Florence Carter Memorial Park.

109. Clerk's report on committee matters.

4. The clerk gave a verbal report and advised:
 - Extensive renovation work has been carried out on the football pitch at KGV following the long dry summer as over 50% of the grass had died during that period.
 - A report of the 3G facility now run by Absolute Sport and Leisure advised that bookings for the weekday evening slots were almost at capacity. The invoice for the first quarter rental had been paid within 3 days.



110. Play Area Inspections

5. The full annual inspection took place in June 2018. The reports arising concluded they were no major concerns with any remedial work categorised as either low risk or very low risk.

111. Anti Social Behaviour at Longdale

6. A brief report was given by the Chairman on issues that had been experienced over the summer months. It was acknowledged that now the weather had declined, and the evening light was drawing in the situation had improved. It was agreed that issues of gatherings outside the park once the barrier had been shut need to be addressed to the SNAP meeting.

RESOLVED to reduce the height of front hedge at Longdale to 1.5m.

112. Consider requests for Longdale following meeting with local youths & councillors

7. The Chairman outlined discussions that had taken place at various times over the summer. It was felt that the vast majority of the youths were not causing issues and that conversations had been friendly, polite and well meaning.

Cllr Everett and the Clerk had attended a conference earlier in the day hosted by Clarion Futures and there were initiatives that could be carried forward from their programs which might help issues such as being discussed.

The request for benches to be installed was felt to be not suitable at this point but other measures could happen and the discussion around these issues will continue.

113. Advertising board rates at Longdale

8. Cllr Morgan declared an interest as he had an advert for his business currently at Longdale.

There was some uncertainty as the length of periods purchased and what arrangements had been put in place. However, it was felt that for most a 3 year period had now expired. The initial payment was believed to be £100 initially with a further £100 for a 3 year period.

The 3G arena site sponsorship was paid for in July 2015 and it was noted that the 3 year period had also expired.

The Clerk was asked to try and find further details and report back to the next meeting.



114 Drayton Youth Football Club request to amend access storage to shed area.

9. A request had been made by the football club to restrict the council's access to the side door only. The Clerk expressed concerns about Health and Safety. The council's requirement for storage within the area had been reduced now that the Handyman had acquired a van and was able to transport tools and equipment more easily between KGV and Longdale. It was agreed that the council would keep any storage requirement to the far of the area and ensure this was kept tidy. The football club were also expected to keep storage items tidy and the racks and hooks used for the storage of goals.

115 Update Florence Carter Memorial Park project

10. The response from the various play equipment suppliers had been disappointing. The committee resolved to simplify the project by

- Replacing the existing play equipment in the same locations on a type for type basis. This could then involve an updating of some pieces from the present. Several options for type for type equipment could be submitted if felt appropriate.
- Four suppliers to be asked to submit costs and proposals for the committee to consider for the next meeting in October.

116 Future requirements of facilities at KGV

11. It was agreed that longer term the play area needs improvement, but Florence Carter Memorial Park is more of a priority. The floors of the changing rooms at KGV need attention, however the life expectancy of the pavilion was a matter for further discussion. It was known that the working group looking at s106 monies / CIL did have this as a discussion point. It was agreed to revisit this item at the next meeting once councillors had had a chance to view the area themselves.

117 Proposed Football Tournament at Longdale 2018/19

12. It was felt the proposal was well written and thought out. Some further discussion was required before a decision could be made. Cllr Anderson agreed to discuss the matter further with Hellesdon Football Club and report back to the committee.

Meeting end 9.09pm

