

## SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 2.00pm at The Millenium Field.**

**Present:** Cllr B Holmes (Chair), Cllr B Tanham (Vice Chair), Cllr G Stoker, Cllr V Macconnell, Cllr J Hall, Mrs Rachel Harrison (Parish Clerk), Westmorland & Furness Cllr D Rathbone.

**102/23 Apologies:** It was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Cllr W Burrow - Work Commitments.

**103/23 Declarations of Interest / Dispensation Requests:**  
None

**104/23 Public Participation:**  
None

### **105/23 Play Equipment**

- The findings of the ROSPA report were discussed and it was noted that none of the play equipment was deemed unsafe but that repairs were recommended. As agreed, a representative from Playdale had visited to assess necessary repairs and a quote of nearly £10,000 had been sent. It was agreed that this advice is not impartial. A resident who has assisted on the Millennium Field before has also provided advice.

An inspection of the play equipment took place and the following was assessed and it was agreed by all that;

1. Baby Swing – post not loose – does not need replacing.
2. 2 x Junior Swings - The 2 swing seats are cracking and do need replacing, which will ensure we are reimbursed for our inspection fee from Playdale.
3. 2 x Junior Swings - ROSPA & Playdale both had concerns with regards to the back left post of the junior swings, after inspection it was decided that as it was not condemned and seems solid it would be closely monitored every month in the regular safety inspection.
4. Baby Slide – Grass seed will be sown in the spring.
5. 2 x Ride on spring-based equipment – No concerns from Playdale so deemed safe.

Activity Trail from right to left

6. Activity Trail – Swing Steps – 1<sup>st</sup> post to be replaced and post already purchased by handyman.
7. Activity Trail - Swing Steps – 3<sup>rd</sup> Post to be monitored monthly.
8. Activity Trail - Stepping Posts – To be replaced and posts already gifted to us by handyman.
9. Activity Trail – Wobble board – No concerns.
10. Activity Trail – Stepping Posts - No concerns.
11. Activity Trail – Chain Bridge – ROSPA advised missing cap. However, there is extensive rot at ground level and in a post securing a load bearing chain. It was agreed that it cannot be saved. Handyman to remove. A replacement may be sought once all other work has been completed.
12. Activity Trail – Uphill Climb – 1<sup>st</sup> post to be replaced. No concerns with 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> post but monthly inspection will monitor closely.
13. Basketball Net – Post needs a wedge and board needs cleaning which can be done at the work party.
14. Large Slide – Needs more bark on the ground which will be purchased and spread at the work party and surrounding wood will be also fixed then too. Quote for woodchips to be agreed by email.

It was decided that everyone should bring tools to the work party, i.e hammers and shovels.

It was decided that whilst any work is being undertaken in the playground the Millenium Field will be closed to the public, a sign will need to go up and a notice on our Facebook Page, notice of the date/time of the work being done will therefore be needed.

It was decided that the handyman who has previously been voluntary will now be reimbursed for his time and the Clerk will seek guidance on the best way to proceed with this.

The Clerk will contact the insurance company to confirm that we have the correct cover for works that are to be done.

Once all work has been completed ROSPA will be contacted for another inspection.

**106/23 Compost**

- As there is a large amount of compost a quote will be obtained from Graham Wadsworth for moving this away and agreement to proceed will be sought by email. .
- Members of the Parish will be reminded to help themselves to compost in the newsletter.

**107/23 Newsletter**

- It was decided that it should include that there should be no unaccompanied children at the work party.
- The Chair will have the newsletter ready to send to the printers this week.

**108/23 Annual Parish Meeting**

- Speakers and format discussed and agreed by all. There will be a presentation on our 20mph Zone application and a speaker from Crosscrake Church at the start of the meeting

**109/23 Date of Next Meeting**

It was confirmed that the next Parish Meeting will be on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30 pm in Sedgwick Village Hall. And the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm**

*The meeting closed at 3.15 pm*

Signed:..... (Chairperson) Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024