

Prestbury Parish Council

Clerk: Chris Franklin
 Telephone: 01242 575129
 E-Mail: prestburyparish@btconnect.com

Parish Council Office
 The Pavilion
 New Barn Close
 Prestbury
 Cheltenham GL52 3LP

MINUTES OF ASSETS AND PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 24th JULY 2018, 3.00PM

PRESENT	A Silcock, M Stennett, K Bishop, M Osbourne, P Weir C Franklin Clerk C Kinsey Groundsman	
1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN	Cllr KB proposed Cllr AS , all in favour, Cllr AS accepted the post.	
2 APOLOGIES	C Simpson	
3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST	No declaration tabled.	
4 ASSETS AND PLAYING FIELDS	<p>The Assets and Playing Fields committee is responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the Playing Field, War Memorial, Robson Field, Village Green and maintaining and purchasing Parish equipment; there is an Assets Register. The Allotments has a separate committee which is responsible for maintaining the Blacksmiths Lane Allotments.</p> <p>Cllr PW mentioned that as the allotments are an asset there should be a maintenance schedule to help keep the allotments in a fit state.</p> <p>Cllr MO mentioned maintaining the allotments can be a problem, volunteers are required to carryout the work.</p> <p>Cllr AS thought that an Allotment Schedule of Work would be a good idea, work could then be costed out and if needs be awarded to an outside contractor to complete.</p> <p>Cllr PW pointed out that there are ongoing maintenance works throughout the year, plots need numbering, gates need repairing and the track requires repair. The allotments are an asset</p>	

	<p>which require monthly maintenance and yearly maintenance, a working plan is required.</p> <p>Cllr MO will draw up a schedule of work, so the asset can be maintained. The schedule can then be presented to the Parish Council.</p>	
5 FOOTBALL	<p>The Groundsman pointed out that several football teams have pulled out of the league.</p> <p>Cllr PW mentioned that it may be appropriate to provide other sports facilities on the playing field, such as netball and walking football. It maybe worthwhile looking into grant funding for new facilities, however this may require a consultation with the community.</p> <p>Cllr MS pointed out that any proposal must be researched, to ensure a good financial return following expenditure in providing new facilities.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that Cllr Cathy Hunt is looking into providing training equipment on the Robson Field with a grant from Sport England. In order to secure a grant, evidence maybe required to show that a consultation had taken place to establish that this equipment is beneficial to the community.</p> <p>Cllr AS mentioned that the Parish is still waiting to hear what finance will come from the S106 Starvehall Farm development, once this is known a consultation can take place.</p> <p>Cllr MS pointed out that in the past it had been difficult to raise support for new facilities.</p> <p>Cllr PW asked if it was feasible for a cricket club to be established on the Playing Field?</p> <p>Cllr AS mentioned that in the past it had been difficult to protect the cricket pitch from damage.</p>	
6 FACILITIES	<p>Cllr PW raised the matter of a possible Car Park on the Playing Field for the football team, Cllr PW mentioned that the playing field had been successfully used for parking on the day of the Prestbury Village Fayre.</p> <p>Cllr AS pointed out that it is difficult to police the parking and control the opening and closing of the gates.</p>	

	<p>Cllr PW asked if a study had been under taken to see if a car park was feasible and beneficial? This idea had been look into in the past but had not been pursued.</p> <p>Cllr PW feels that to proceed with any new facilities the Parish needs evidence based facts for what the community require.</p>	
7 GROUNDSMAN'S REPORT	<p>The Groundsman reported that the soft tiles to the children's play area have been replaced and there has been no further vandalism on the field.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that the trees have to be cut back behind the tennis courts in the autumn.</p> <p>Cllr PW raised the matter regarding the Groundsman and annual leave; the Parish should have a person who can cover the work of the Groundsman including driving the tractor, when leave is taken.</p> <p>Cllr PW suggested that the stand in Groundsman is trained up to drive the tractor, the Clerk to approach the stand-in Groundsman to discuss this matter.</p>	Clerk
8 AOB	None raised	
9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING	TUESDAY 23 RD OCTOBER, 2018, 2.00PM AT THE OFFICE	