

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at
The Old Stores, Leigh, 17th February 2022

Present: Mel Shine (MS) Chairperson, Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary, Sandra Scutt, Parish Council rep (SS), Cathy Purcell (CP), Charli Adey (CH), Anna Langstone (AL), Sue Fudge (to talk about Jubilee)
Apologies: Hannah Gillibrand, Colin House (Treasurer), Stephanie Moss
Resigned since last meeting: Graham Bugler, Sarah Knowles

Welcome

MS welcomed all (especially the lovely new volunteers) and Sandra our new Parish council representative.

Matters arising from last meeting

Due to Covid the last meeting had been 2 years ago (Feb 2020). There had been an informal meeting in the Playpark on 2nd July 2021 to say thanks to Graham Bugler for his 20 years' service.

The slide was installed in March 2021 by the Toy Barn. The grass had established and it looked fantastic.

The Parish Council were now paying and arranging for the grass cutting.

Queen's Jubilee

Sue Fudge talked to us about Jubilee preparations

A small organising committee (Pop up pub) had been formed

They were planning a picnic (bring your own) in the park, with family games, bouncy castle, craft tent, pub would serve beer, Pims etc outside.

Date 5th June in the afternoon.

All being asked to make 3 meters of bunting to decorate the field.

It was going to be free and emphasis on keeping it simple.

ROSPA report

There are a few outstanding actions from last May's ROSPA report.

- Matting under swing overgrown (risk LOW)
- Entrapment issue - fit rubber seals on gate post (risk LOW)
- Replace worn rubber on rocker footplate (risk LOW)

Quotes had been obtained from the Toy Barn by JJ in November 2021

Mats – 27 mats costing £29 - £783

New rubber foot rests - £389

This quote had been passed to the Parish Council. Decided to try to re-lay existing mats to save money.

26th Feb 10.00 am - Working Party with Forks to dig out and re-lay mats.

Meet at Playpark

JJ/SS and Alan Bennet (Parish Council Chairman) due to meet at Playpark to discuss the outstanding actions required. **Date to be confirmed SS, JJ**

Zip Wire

Now about 60 children in the Village and two thirds are over 10 years old so urgent need for a piece of equipment for older children (none exists at moment).

JJ had obtained a quote from the Toy Barn – £8,950 + vat.

JJ said that prices are rising and Toy Barn are not sure how long they could keep that price. Also very likely availability issues. JJ said we should move quickly if possible. She had a meeting with another Playground company (Soverign) and was waiting for their quote. Likely to be higher as they were a larger company.

SS thought there was about £5k in the Parish Council budget (from funds given to the council for Community sending) but that this was being eaten into by maintenance costs and other parish needs. **SS to confirm amount**

Update 18/02/22 - SS reports that the PC has £9k for Playpark, but this is for maintenance and ongoing expenses too. JJ and SS to discuss with Parish Council.

Colin reported the Playpark had £1,459. This means with the Parish Council budget and our funds we “may” have about £6,500 and so are £2,500 short. SS to report back to the PC to say we would like to move quickly to save money (next meeting 17th March).

As time was of the essence, CP suggested asking Village Hall, Pub and Flower Show Committee for loans/donations for the outstanding amounts. **JJ to do**
CA suggested contacting the Toy Barn to forewarn them that we would like to do it later this year, and to get an update on cost and availability. **JJ to do**

Fundraising

It would be hard to find time in the spring with the Jubilee Celebrations. Summer is impossible as we all have Family holidays, so best time would be Autumn. Suggestions for fundraising will be discussed in later meetings.

AOB

There is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Charli said she would consider joining.

Next Meeting:

Friday 6th May 7.30 at the Old Stores.