

Leigh Playpark Committee Meeting at
The Old Stores, Leigh, 6th May 2022

Present: Julia Jepson (JJ) Secretary (Acting Chairman), Colin House
(Treasurer), Cathy Purcell (CP)

Apologies: Charlie Adey, Stephanie Moss

Resigned since last meeting: Sandra Scutt, Mel Shine, Anna Langstone, Hannah
Gillibrand

Welcome

JJ welcomed all

Matters arising from last meeting

Working Party - CP and JJ had reset the matting under the swing.

Sandra Scutt and JJ has met Alan Bennett (Chairman LPC) to discuss ROSPA
report actions. All actions were considered to be of such low risk, that no
action would be taken.

Sandra Scutt had resigned from the Parish Council so we have no parish council
representative at the moment. She had previously reported that the Parish
Council have around £9k from a Community Infrastructure Levy which is a
charge on new development. This is intended for tangible projects so people
could see a benefit to mitigate the extra development. The Parish Council
have decided that they would prefer to spend this elsewhere and not on the
Zipwire project.

This means that the Zipwire would need to be funded largely through
fundraising. This is too big a commitment for some committee members - Mel
Shine, Anna Langstone and Hannah Gillibrand have resigned. Julia Jepson was
resigning after this meeting.

Election of Officers

Charlie and Stephanie had said by email that they would continue. They will
meet separately to decide roles. CP and CH have said they will stay on to
assist.

JJ to give Charli/Stephanie their details.

JJ to do

Role of Playpark Committee – suggestions for going forward

The Playpark Committee had been set up to organise the maintenance (mainly mowing rota) of the Playpark at its old location in South Street. Fundraising was limited to earning enough for petrol money for the mower.

Since the move the mowing is being arranged by the Parish Council and the Playpark Committee's role has changed and needs clarification.

JJ had contacted the Parish Council to ask for their opinion.

Alan Bennett had come back to say that "If the PP committee want to come up with a brief description of what they believe their ongoing role should be, I'm sure the PC would be more than ready to consider (and hopefully agree)."

JJ said it is increasingly hard to get people to help with maintenance, painting etc as most parents are both working full time. Also, the PC are legally "in charge" of the playpark and are insured for playground accident claims. The legal status/insurance cover of the Playpark Committee is less clear.

All agreed that it seemed sensible to split the two roles: all fundraising to be undertaken by the Playpark Committee and all maintenance to be undertaken by the Parish Council. This will be suggested to the Parish Council. **JJ to do**

CH reported the Playpark had £1,459 in its current account and questioned what should happen to the money (ie should it go to the PC?). CP said it should be left for the new committee to decide.

JJ suggested the name be changed to "Friends of the Playpark" to underline the new role.

To be discussed by new committee

Next Meeting:

To be organised by Charlie and/or Stephanie