THE FRANK MONTGOMERY PLAYING FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30PM IN WICKHAMBREAUX VILLAGE HALL, THE STREET, WICKHAMBREAUX

Present: Linda Lodge
Caroline Rees
Charlotte Stewart
Marina Dunlop
Lisa Crosbie
Brian Wilkinson
Michael Keeler-Walker
Kat Trotter

Miss Chenice Sparkes, Clerk

1 Member of the Public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Fiona Dawson and Elizabeth Stewart.

L. Lodge reported that David Sayner has resigned from the Committee due to personal reasons. The Clerk has responded via email thanking him for all his help to date on behalf of the Committee and L. Lodge agreed to write a formal letter of thanks on behalf of the Committee.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22 MAY 2018**
The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**
Item 6 – Events
C. Rees reported that the concrete slab was removed on 23 June 2018 by a local contractor and wished to thank Cllr Martin Twyman for his assistance.

Item 8 – Any Other Business
The Clerk reported that she has been liaising with Douglas Rattray at Canterbury City Council to arrange a date for the CCTV survey and this matter has now been passed onto his colleague David Harte.

The review of the Trust Deed and Terms of Reference will be discussed at the next meeting.

4. **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / NOISE NUISANCE**
B. Wilkinson reported that he has been regularly walking his dog around the playing field to monitor noise levels and has attended the playing field on a number of occasions when noisy incidents have been reported by neighbours. On these occasions, those responsible for making the noise or their parents were spoken to, they apologised for their behaviour and continued to use the playing field more quietly. B. Wilkinson later spoke with the neighbours who had complained to inform them he had attended and resolved the situation. L. Crosbie also reported that she has spoken to some children regarding noise levels on a few occasions who apologised and continued to use the playing more quietly.

L. Lodge reported that she has left two waterproof boxes in the playing field, containing crayons, pencils and paper in one and second hand reading books in the other, to encourage quieter play. These have been very well used and lots of positive feedback has been received. L. Crosbie reported that the school children really enjoy the quiet play boxes.

The number of noise complaints has reduced but M. Dunlop reported that the zip wire being out of action may be a contributing factor. L. Crosbie confirmed that, in her experience, users of the zip wire tend to make the most noise as it is a more exciting piece of play equipment to use. C. Rees reported the zip wire is due to be fixed week commencing 17 September 2018.

L. Lodge reported that a resident emailed to report an incident of littering at the playing field from a vehicle. L. Lodge thanked the resident for reporting the incident and for picking up the litter and has passed on the details of the vehicle to the PCSO. Other members of the Committee have also witnessed people leaving litter but they have picked up the litter once spoken to.

5. **EQUIPMENT CHECK ROTA**

The latest RoSPA inspection was carried out on 18 July 2018 and has not identified any faults that require immediate attention. A few medium to low risk faults were identified including strimmer damage to the older pieces of play equipment e.g. the balance beam, the balance beam having cracks that require monitoring, bolt missing on the zip wire and safety surfacing shrinkage around the igloo climber. L. Lodge reported that she will be filling in the shrinkage cracks in the safety surfacing with soil and the other items identified will be resolved in due course.

L. Lodge distributed "Tips for Inspecting Play Equipment", produced by RoSPA, to all Committee members. L. Crosbie reported that the lunch time supervisors check the equipment Monday to Friday during term time before the children use the equipment and would pass on the tips. The Committee wished to record their thanks to the lunch time supervisors for inspecting the equipment and reporting any potential faults quickly.

6. **WORKING PARTY**

The next working party will be to level the footpath from Seaton Road to The List with Type 1 hardcore. L. Lodge raised whether permission has been obtained from Kent County Council and agreed to liaise with Cllr Faith Wright, footpaths representative on the Parish Council, to establish how to obtain permission. Once permission is in place, it was agreed to aim for October 2018 to carry out the works.

It was agreed to put the Nature Area on the next agenda for discussion.

7. **FINANCE**

C. Rees confirmed that the current bank balance is £2,354.12.

C. Rees reported that she has obtained two quotations for repairing the zip wire; one for £531.62 and a second for £145.50 including parts. The repairs to the zip wire are considered wear and tear and are therefore not covered under the warranty. The company who quoted £145.50 is booked in to undertake the repairs week commencing 17 September 2018.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(i) L. Lodge reported that a resident has asked the Committee to consider the installation of adult exercise equipment on the playing field. The Committee discussed the suggestion and a number of concerns were raised including neighbours not wanting any more pieces of equipment on the playing field, mis-use of the equipment as seen in Littlebourne, cost of on-going maintenance, and encouraging use of the playing field after 8pm. The Committee also questioned the need for the exercise equipment when Littlebourne has a provision and Ickham hold regular exercise classes.

After some consideration, the Committee agreed that if a local need can be established then the project would be worth pursuing further. M. Keeler-Walker proposed that the resident who raised the suggestion be asked to provide more information e.g. number of pieces of equipment proposed, approximate cost and approximate cost of on-going

maintenance, to enable the Committee to have a more informed debate at the next meeting in January 2019. A message will also be put out on the village message board canvassing resident's views to gauge whether this proposal is supported. The Clerk agreed to respond to the resident.

(ii) A provisional date for the next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 23 January 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm

Signed……..... (Chairman)

Date…….....