



MINUTES

Coe's Meadow Management Committee Meeting held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm

Present - Chris Leigh, Heather Young, Claire Garden, Terri Bowler and Carolyn Munroe.

Apologies – Kevin Leigh made Apologies for absence.

Welcome to new committee member – CL warmly welcomed Carolyn Munroe to the committee.

Declaration of Interest. - CL asked if anyone had any interests on the agenda to declare it – there were none.

Approval of the last minutes – TB read through the minutes of the last meeting. They were agreed as an accurate record and signed by CL

Coe's Meadow Report – The Parish Council have agreed that they will fund the repair work to be carried out on the play equipment. This will start on 14th September 2016. The meadow will be closed for a week to allow the work to be carried out safely. Workers will be able to use the toilet facilities at the church.

CL mentioned that the grass areas leading up to the church steps were looking rather unsightly. This year we have had a few flowers in these areas despite it being set aside for a year. Plan to remove dried grasses, seed and lay to lawn. Seconded by TB. All in favour.

The tree surgeon came and tidied the willow walk. The tops have been tied and he has advised the same maintenance for next year. Cost £175. It was suggested at the meeting that new growth in the spring should be woven in.

CL thanked the committee members that helped with the working party to tidy the meadow – we will have another day later this month.

CL mentioned getting more wild flower seeds to sow on the meadow.

Play Equipment Survey – The Play Equipment survey at the school was a real joy. The whole of Bulmer School took part in surveys for suitable new equipment. Favoured equipment was a flat wheel on the ground approx. cost £7000 and more swings.

Other equipment suggested in the meeting was: -
Cradle Nest Swing p305 @ £2836 plus VAT

Cross scales p229 @ £2040 plus VAT

Maypole @ £2954 plus VAT

Any new equipment purchased will now have a ten-year guarantee

Boule Pit estimated cost for pit £5000 but it was agreed to form a working party if this was to go ahead.

Notice Board – CL proposed that we purchased a proper wooden sign for Coe's Meadow to be erected by the hedge.

Seconded by TB

All agreed

CL will obtain three quotes for the 106 committee.

Stour Valley Work Party – The team will be working on the meadow on 29.9.2016. Work will be primarily on the pond area and will advise on wild flower areas. They will also attend our fun day.

Coe's Meadow Grant Money – CL is going to ask the Parish Council if we can have an increase in our annual grant. This has been £1000 pa for quite a while. Proposed new amount £1,500.

Fun Day – Plans have already started for the Fun Day in 2017. A disco and hog roast will be held in the evening (7-10 pm) or possibly continuing on from the Fun Day itself.

Tickets will be sold in advance for the hog roast

Sean Maynard has agreed to do the disco and has contacts for the hog roast.

Suggested price £5 per head.

CM said that Twinstead Village Hall hire out their plastic tables and chairs and will enquire about availability and cost.

AOB – CM asked if would be possible to repair the tail on the small sit and ride horse as the original has fallen off. CL said she will look into it.

Football nets have arrived and will be fitted soon.

The floor area under the basketball area has started to lift. Wiles are sending someone out to inspect it.

The wooden bench seats are coming away from the ground. These were originally cemented in but the legs are now damaged. Suggestion that any new ones be metal

Date of Next Meeting – It was agreed to hold a meeting at the end of the month before the next ROSPA inspection – date to be arranged following completion of repair work.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.25pm