

<b>DRAFT Minutes of Ridlington Playing Field Committee Meeting</b> <b>Held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 3pm</b> <b>at the home of Julie Hoults</b>		
Attendance	Ruth Lees- Trustee (Chairman) Julie Hoults- Trustee Simon Powell -Trustee Suzanne Baines- Volunteer Mike Horwood - Volunteer	
Apologies	None	
Item		
2022/01	<b>The Chairman welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 6.30pm</b>	
2022/02	<b>Trustee Vacancies.</b> One vacancy exists and remains unfulfilled despite considerable efforts to attract a new trustee. Still awaiting contact from someone who had previously expressed interest. RL to follow up.	
2022/03	<b>ROSPA Report</b>  The Chairman had circulated the latest report beforehand. We discussed the outcomes covering the maintenance findings and General Notes including Compliance with Standards, What is inspected, What isn't Inspected Exposure to Risk, Ownership, Timber, Planting and Trees, How this Inspection Contributes to our Annual Main Inspection. It must be borne in mind that we are responsible for following the guidance of the 'Relevant Standards'. Detailed information is to be found in <b>The Safety Inspection Report Annual Inspection Ridlington Play Area 2022'</b> . RL, JH and SP each have an emailed copy and RL has a hard copy. (Copy attached.)  <b>Ancillary Items:</b> Gate Fencing Roadside Litter Bins Seating Benches  <b>Primary Items</b> General Surface - Bark Petanque Area Toddler's Swing – 1 Bay 2 Seat Suspended Tyre Walk Climber – Net Swing- Junior- 1 Bay 2 Seat Goal Post – Football- 5- a- side	

	<p>Prior to a dedicated working party being formed in the Autumn it was agreed that the report would be analysed ( RL to lead) and appropriate actions planned including the decommissioning of the tyres and supporting timber frame ( The Suspended Tyre Walk) and The Climber Net on the Childrens Play Area )</p> <p>Other aspects covering the wider Playing Field will be dealt with as ongoing maintenance.</p>	
2022/04	<p><b>Action Groups</b></p> <p>The Trustees to identify specific actions to be taken and then to seek willing supporters /volunteers via use of The Village Whatsapp Group, Word of mouth, The Village Website and The Parish Magazine and the village noticeboard</p>	
2022/05	<p><b>Fund Raising</b></p> <p>The Playing Field Annual Accounts (were revisited with particular focus on Income and Expenditure bearing in mind no active fundraising activities have taken place throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>Fundraising</p> <p>It was agreed to fundraise for one piece of equipment at a time. Awaiting further information and costings before identifying the first piece of equipment to focus our fundraising activities on. ( SB)</p>	
2022/06	<p><b>Revisit of Questionnaires Results ( Copy attached)</b></p> <p>The most popular request was for the provision of some Outdoor Gym Equipment. ( SB) to continue her investigations to include costings and to update committee as necessary.</p>	
2022/07	<p><b>The Field/ Grass Cutting/maintenance/rewilding/ideas/safety</b></p> <p>It was agreed that regular maintenance via mowing, strimming and pruning will continue. Thanks go to Dave Johnson for his stirring work.</p> <p>It was agreed to seek advice regarding rewilding care from Jackie Morrell. (RL)</p> <p>A Working Party to be organised in the Autumn to carry out required maintenance and actions identified by The ROSPA Report including the tidying up of the site of the old cricket pavilion ( RL to come up with some dates and agree with trustees)</p> <p>The old slabs etc to be moved to the side.( SB to kindly ask HB)</p>	
2022/08	<p><b>Tree Maintenance</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the local Arborist ( who kindly first visited a couple of years ago) to be contacted again and a request for a possible further informal visit to be made in order to seek updated advice and recommendations for the trustees to consider for their ongoing tree care and maintenance programme (RL)</p>	

	Contact to be made with the relevant person at RCC with specific reference to The Lord Lieutenant's wish for trees in Rutland ( RL). To enquire as to whether any help is available for care of trees generally.	
2022/09	<b>Potential Cricket Pavilion</b> Agreed that this project will be shelved for the time being as the offer from Kendrew Barracks was deemed unsuitable. The trustees will seek alternative solutions in the future.	
2022/10	<b>The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Horse chestnut Tree</b> Confirmed that this has now been planted in a suitable environment in the field. Informed that a number of villagers have volunteered to regularly water.	
2022/11	<b>Minutes of the last meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022</b> These were agreed and signed by the Chairman.	
2022/12	<b>Benches</b> The upkeep of the benches will be part of the general maintenance programme on an annual basis. No further benches to be procured at present.	
2022/13	<b>AOB</b> none	
2022/14	<b>Meeting closed at 1745.</b>  <b>Date of Next Meeting</b> To be arranged	

