



Longmead Field

LONGMEAD MANAGEMENT GROUP

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17th January 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Stephen Ward, Trish Slater, Ian McCulloch, Tracy Leaman, Karen Pinder, Bob Hawkes, Sue McGeever, Paul Doble, Daniel Lyus, Andy Brooke, Peta Dayus-Jones

- 1) Apologies for absence: None
- 2) Election of a Chair: ICM proposed DL Chair the meeting, seconded TL, agreed. Following a discussion the position of Chair will be shared by DL - to chair meetings, PD - Parish Council point of contact and Andy Brooke - day to day site presence. ICM will continue as an advisor, Proposed TL, seconded PD-J, agreed. A WhatsApp group will be set up including all committee members. **Action TL**
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising: The minutes of the meetings held on 20th September and 15th November 2024, proposed BH, seconded PD-J, agreed
Flood prevention - Soakaway/storm gate - The soakaway groundwork is complete. The storm gate will be fitted soon. It will then permanently be left in position to avoid the pavillion flooding. A lock will be purchased to secure it, the security number forwarded to those needing access. **Action AB**
Nettle removal/weeding - Complete The boules court needs clearing **Action PD**
Dogs on leads - SM to make enquiries with MDDC and update the committee at the next meeting. **Action SM**
- 4) Finance and expenditure: PD-J forwarded the report, attached, to the committee prior to the meeting. Current balance £7,806,31. Issues

discussed included an increase in expenditure this year and a lower income to be generated. Long term stability is required. The ongoing Youth Football club growth will help this goal. Further discussions will be needed to raise the income.

- 5) Pavilion and sports facilities: Storage of the line marker - The line marker is now stored in the container and the battery is currently charged and stored off site. The container will be insulated, once funding is secured. **Action AB and DL**

Air Ambulance access - Devon Air Ambulance is visiting the site, Keith Bright and AB to attend. DL thanked PD for the removal of the goal posts.

Cafe - The plan, attached, was forwarded to all prior to the meeting. The groups present explained how they use the pavilion for their events.

Following a discussion the committee agreed an industrial kitchen would not be required as two village amenities already have them installed. The committee agreed to explore small changes at low cost. **Action AB and DL**

The primary school is in need of basketball posts. PD proposed, AB seconded, agreed donating the Longmead posts to the school. **AB to liaise**

- 6) Longmead Environmental Action Project (LEAP) Report: TS circulated the attached report to all prior to the meeting.

- 7) Skate Park: Mavericks are designing a different layout, it will be suitable for younger children to use as well as older. Funding is currently being sought.

- 8) Any other business: The committee agreed to the MUGA communication survey be included in the next edition of the Parish Pump magazine. Pitch drainage was discussed. An ongoing balance needs to be struck between drainage and watering the pitch. An all weather pitch could be a future option if funding could be secured. DL to follow up. **Action DL**

The Parish Hall no longer wants the purple seating construction at its current site. SW asked if it could be positioned at Longmead, following a discussion it was agreed to temporarily position it in the bottom right hand corner of the site.

Action AB and PD

Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 17th April 2024, 7.30pm

