



Minutes of a meeting of the **Calstock Parish Council, RECREATION COMMITTEE**
held on **Tuesday 03 October 2023**, at St Ann's Chapel, at **1800**

Those present were; -

COUNCILLORS: Cllr Alford, Cllr Greenwood, Cllr Ledger, Cllr Polglase (Chair), Cllr Spurr, Cllr Trapp, Cllr Wakem, and Cllr Warwick

Pete Gadd (Maintenance Worker) was present.

Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk – *minutes*).

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Flashman.

2. Approve minutes of the last meeting 04-07-2023

Proposal/resolution: the minutes be approved. Proposed Cllr Trapp, seconded: Cllr Wakem – approved by all those present at the last meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Barrier at Gunnislake Playing Field – there was ongoing discussion about the use of this with concerns raised about the issues of leaving the gates open, which would render the purpose of the barrier (to create off road parking) obsolete. It was agreed to revisit the issue in the Spring when the weather improves as the surface is not good for parking on during wet weather.

4. Playgrounds

St Ann's Chapel

Pete explained that the see saw has been removed as it was unviable to repair and unsafe. Other pieces of equipment have had maintenance carried out on them and painted. Pete has met with Peter May who can reconstruct steps for the slide at St Ann's Chapel and Gunnislake – the rest of the structure is sound but the steps are a hazard, as outlined in the ROSPA report.

Cllr Trapp had looked at replacement pieces of equipment for the area and suggested basketball hoops for the skate park platform until the skate park is constructed. Cllr Trapp was specifically looking at equipment that would appeal to older children.

It was also noted that the grass area from the car park to the top edge of the play area gets very wet in the winter with work vehicles struggling to access the area.

Gunnislake

Pete recommended the steps of the slide are replaced but all other apparatus should be improved with some inhouse work – the swings may need replacing in 2-3 years.

Harrowbarrow

Cllr Ledger reported that the village hall committee were perturbed that the bandstand had been taken down with not thought to replacements. A new swing is being installed this week.



Playboat, Calstock

Cllrs Spurr and Polglase are going to meet with members of the public and Pete Gadd to look at the Playboat – there is indication that the community will offer some financial and practical in replacing the Playboat which could cost in the region of £75,000 to replace. Clare has contacted ROSPA and the Insurers to see if it is viable for members of the community to be involved in rebuilding a piece of play equipment.

Proposal/resolution:

To recommend to Full Council that the following items are purchased and installed:

- Steps for two slides (Gunnislake and St Ann’s Chapel) circa £3000
- A pair of basketball hoops for St Ann’s Chapel, circa £2500
- A rotary springer for St Ann’s Chapel to replace the one that has been removed, circa £6500
- Resurfacing pavers for the entrance to the park from the car park at St Ann’s Chapel, circa £3500 (with volunteer to help install)
- A replacement seating area to be designed and installed by Parish Council staff
- Total in the region of £15,500 which is within the budget left.

There is also approximately £7500 left to spend from the 106 money but this can only be spend in St Ann’s Chapel.

5. To recommend to the Full Council that the Skate Park Tender can be recommended for publication

Proposal/resolution: subject to the document being proof read and corrected for typing errors it is recommended to the Full Council for publication. Proposed: Cllr Polglase, seconded: Cllr Trapp – unanimous.

6. Summary of receipts and payments and CIL money to review budgets and consider budgetary requirement for 2023/2024

Proposal/resolution: to recommend to F&GP the following:

- Reserves of £10,000 are put aside for replacement of playground equipment per year
- Next year’s budget to be £30,000.

Proposed: Cllr Warwick, seconded: Cllr Trapp – unanimous.

The meeting closed at 1859

Signed: Date: