

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF HOGSTHORPE PLAYING FIELDS COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th DECEMBER 2020**

Present:**Committee:** M Culley, L Wildman, A Green, T Smith and K Stafford (Secretary)**Others:** Cllr M Banks

1. **Minutes of meeting** of 4th November 2020 were approved and are to be signed by V Worley on her return.

2. Finances

Payment of accounts:

- a. The annual inspection costs for the playpark by Phoenix FM £186.00
- b. Repair to toddler swing by Fenland £703.76
- c. Anglian Water bill £76.59

3. Maintenance

- a) The annual inspection highlighted some loose nuts and bolts that need tightening. Cllr Wildman informed the meeting that the fixings had worn meaning it was not possible to tighten them so the whole cross piece would need replacing. This is to be included in the budget for next year.
- b) The report also highlighted that some of the ropes were frayed on the climbing netting. It was agreed that these would be replaced next year.
- c) Cllr M Culley raised the issue of dog walkers using the rubbish bin in the children's play area to dispose of their dog mess which is not very hygienic. It was unanimously agreed that a new dog mess bin should be purchased to be placed in the car park at the start of the footpath used by the dog walkers. Cllr Wildman and K Stafford to look into this.
- d) Cllr Culley requested that he be allowed to purchase weedkiller to go along the edge of the playing field where the land adjoins a private property in order to prevent weeds spreading onto the property. The cost would be about £29 for 5 litres. It was unanimously agreed that the weedkiller should be purchased by Cllr Culley.

4. Update On Grant Application

The grant applied for to carry out the repairs to the toddler swing has been rejected. These repairs have now been carried out and paid for by the Playing Field Trust.

5. Outdoor Adult Gym

Cllr Worley had proposed discussing which outdoor gym equipment should be purchased for the playing field in order to put in a considered funding application. As she was unable to be present at this meeting it was agreed to wait until the next meeting in February to discuss further.

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 6pm