

Cerne Valley Parish Council

Minutes of the Play Park Committee held at 1.00 pm on Monday 11th September 2023
On site at Cerne Abbas Play Park, Duck Street

Present: Cllrs C. Crosbie, L. Prowse, and K. Marshall

1. Appointment of Chair

Cllr Crosbie was nominated, seconded, and duly elected as Chair of the Play Park committee.

2. Apologises for absence

All members were present.

3. Declarations of pecuniary and other interests

No declarations were made.

4. To agree the minutes of the previous meeting held on 06th March 2023

These were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. Chair update

The Chair wished to thank Mike Keating for all his hard work and endeavours in the Play Park over the past years.

6. Inspection Report and site inspection (remedial items for action)

Loose fence posts	Cllr Marshall would fix the issue
Trip hazards	The Clerk would contact Dorset Council with a view to getting a quote to reseal the edging of the jungle mulch.
Loose post on swing	This was not deemed an issue.
Non locking bin	This was not deemed an issue.
Gates not self-closing	This was not deemed an issue. A new latch had been added for extra security.
Benches	Cllr Crosbie put forward a proposal – see item 8.

7. Finance update

a. Income, expenditure, and reserves

Precept £ 600.00

Expenditure £ 431.61

Reserves £ 1733.08

b. Precept request for 2024/25

The committee suggested a request for £500 for the FY 24/25, with a view to using the reserve for any major works that may occur in the future.

8. Future projects

a. Cllr Crosbie was delighted with the quality of work on the varnishing of the two benches. It was requested, and unanimously endorsed to request the other three done as well.

b. Minor concerns were raised as to cracks in the framework of the swings. It was agreed to request a contractor fill in the cracks and wood stain the framework.

c. Turning of slates on Multi Play. It was agreed no further needed doing.

d. It was noted that the paving under the picnic table was looking rather tired. All agreed to ask a contractor to tidy up the area.

Cllr Crosbie was happy to get a quote for items 8a, b, and d.

9. General discussion period

It was seen that paint on the multi play needed a refresh. This was to be looked at next time.

It was noted that vegetation was ingressing from the riverside.
Members cut back this area, so it was more accessible.

It was mooted that the bin was in an impractical position. It was agreed that DWP should be contacted with a view to locating the bin in a more suitable place.

It was suggested that the fencing needed to be replaced at some point.
Members agreed that this was a good project for any future CIL receipts

10. Items and date for next meeting

Review paint work on multi play

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 1.59pm.

Clare Crosbie _____

Chair