

**The Lowick & Slipton Parish Council as Sole Trustees of The Lowick Recreation Ground Charity
6.45pm Wednesday November 15th 2023 at The Germain Rooms Lowick**

Minutes

Present: W Childs, S Gardner, D Chipchase, D Campden, N Phillips (Clerk)

Apologies: L Blow

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of September 20th meeting approved

Matters arising:

Playground inspection, and reporting accidents policy and procedures approval and adopted by the Parish Council

Complaints letter responded too and signage re wildflowers placed on noticeboard

To receive and approve the financial statement standing at £18750.56 @ 01.11.2023 – approved

To note the results of the weekly safety inspections carried out by Cllr D Chipchase and to resolve what action to be taken: - checks carried out, no additional issues identified

To receive a report on work to the trees: - work to ash trees due to Ash Die-back noted, Clerk to obtain additional quotes, work to be budgeted for and undertaken at the earliest opportunity. Tree survey to be carried out, Clerk to arrange for Rebecca Peace to undertake. Work to clear overhanging vegetation, and other works approved, Clerk to instruct Crimson Tree Services to undertake work at earliest opportunity.

To receive a report on replacement safety surfaces: Wicksteed quote for laying of new surface over existing surface at a cost of £17145.25 plus VAT accepted. Clerk to liaise with Wicksteed on this.

To receive a report on installation of a disabled ramp: Quote of £5500.00 plus VAT from Colson & Loaring accepted. Clerk to liaise with contractor.

To discuss the issues of dogs in the Pocket Park: quotes of £4971.00 and £9000.00 received for fencing off the play area – as the area is unfenced it will not be considered a dog exclusion area under the Public Spaces Protection Order (North Northamptonshire Council) (Dog Control) Order 2023. NNC have advised that the current ‘dogs on leads’ cannot be changed until the next consultation on this matter in 2026 to which the PC will need to make its case. Clerk to investigate funding.

Update on other issues

Condition of monkey bars – Cllrs to meet on Sunday November 19th to check structure.
Signage reviewed by S Gardner

Next meeting to take place on Wednesday January 17th 2024 prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm