

**The Lowick & Slipton Parish Council as Sole Trustees of The Lowick Recreation Ground Charity
6.45pm Wednesday January 17th 2024 at The Germain Rooms Lowick**

Minutes

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

Apologies: S Barton

Minutes of last meeting: Minutes of November 15th 2023 meeting approved

Matters arising: Update on the situation concerning dogs on leads – if the play equipment is in a fenced area that will automatically become a dog exclusion zone according to NNC

To receive and approve the financial statement standing at £17800.56 @ 01.01.2024

To note the results of the weekly safety inspections carried out by Cllr D Chipchase and to resolve what action to be taken: No new issues.

To receive a report on work to the trees, and the results of the tree survey: Tree survey carried out and trees potentially needing work because of ash dieback identified. Work to overhanging vegetation and fallen branch carried out.

To receive a report on replacement safety surfaces: Work will start once disabled ramp is installed.

To receive a report on installation of a disabled ramp: Waterlogged ground has pushed work back but it is hoped work will commence on January 29th 2024. Park closure to be published via village WhatsApp group – S Gardner to action.

Update on other issues

Condition of monkey bars – protective tape (hockey stick tape) to be fitted to rungs once weather improves and the wood dries out.

Funding of fencing off play area – Clerk to research grants.

Mowing – due to the theft of the equipment used by volunteers for the mowing other options to be explored. S Gardner to approach Drayton Estates in the first instance to see if they might be able to help. S Gardner to research purchase of suitable mower for use by volunteers in the longer term. Clerk to investigate possible sources of funding. An offer to store any such equipment in a secure area was received. Work carried out by village resident, mowing of play area, gratefully noted.

Next meeting to take place on Wednesday March 20th 2024 prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.05pm