

MEETING OF THE EB RECREATION GROUND WORKING PARTY

held in the

Church Hall

at

7:30 pm on Monday 27 November 2017

Those in attendance:

Terry Cantlon, Chairman	Brian Martin, Resident
David Buss, Parish Councillor	Richard Pearce, Football Club
Jonathan Ponting, School Governor	John Tresidder, FOEBRG
Sally Tresidder, FOEBRG	Lesley Wensley, FOEBRG

1. **APOLOGIES:** None.
2. **MINUTES:** The minutes of the October meeting were agreed as being a correct record by those present.
3. **ACTION POINTS FROM LAST MEETING**
 - **JT** to produce a further report on animal fouling for November. **Actioned.**
 - **Football Club** to maintain a log of problems and incidents and pass to the Parish Council. **Not yet done. RP to action.**
 - **Football Club** to ensure all football matches to be passed to JT. **Not yet done. RP to action.**
 - **TC** to get Parish Council authorisation for signage improvement expenditure. **Actioned.**
 - **TC** to check privacy implications for installing CCTV. **Actioned.**
 - **DB** to contact other Parishes to ascertain if they have means of controlling fox faeces. **Actioned.**
 - **TC** to check if any permission is required to install a defibrillation unit on the pavilion. **Actioned.**
4. **MATTERS DISCUSSED**

Sources of fouling

JT provided a cumulative report and photographic evidence for October and November. Over the 35 days covered, the report recorded 37 fox, 2 dog and 2 'unknown' incidents. This confirmed that, to date, the overwhelming source of fouling emanated from foxes.

The FC reported no incidents of halted games in November, indicating that the sweeping program had been effective to date. RP queried whether the sweeping program could be sustained over a longer period of time.

TC suggested that the sweeping be extended for a further two months until the end

of January to confirm that it was an effective and viable method of controlling faeces. **JT to action.**

Effects of fouling

RP agreed that the FC would start a log of incidents regarding matches being disrupted and feed this information, together with the causes, to the Parish Council. **RP to action.**

Control of fouling

DB sought guidance from an Environmental Health contact and surrounding Parishes to establish how fox defecation was controlled in other areas, with no response.

RP stressed he felt a fence was required as a means of control and that foxes would go round it. There was doubt that a 1m high fence would deter foxes.

BM outlined examples of improving the signage and notices on the field. Wording to be agreed and costs to be established. **BM to action.**

Costs, when established, to be presented to Council for approval at its November meeting. **TC to action.** Establish whether signage costs could be funded through the Parishes Together fund. **TC to action.**

RP said the FC may be able to fund some of the costs and could supply contact details of a sign writer. **RP to action.**

RP suggested a fence along the footpath may provide sufficient area for exercising dogs. TC asked for a sketch to be drawn up for the WP to see if this was workable.

RP to action.

CCTV was used by surrounding Parishes, mainly for detecting vandalism. Issues of privacy etc seemed to be addressed by Councils publishing a policy statement on CCTV surveillance. In our case, CCTV, to identify persons allowing their dogs to foul, may be too onerous on cost, time to review recorded material and may be overkill if the current low rate of dog mess incidents are maintained.

Summary

It was agreed that the WP has sound evidential data on which to base recommendations but needs to continue with current sweeping measures until the end of January to demonstrate its viability as a sustainable control measure.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

BM Suggested the steps leading to the recreation ground were in need of repair to improve safety and, additionally, suggested a finger sign to the recreation ground. These to be put to the Parish Council at its November meeting. **TC to action.**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was proposed that the WP's next meeting should be early in the New Year. Date and location to be advised.