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Dartington Recreation Association
Thursday 14th September 2017, 7.00pm – 9.00pm
Meadowbrook Community Centre
Minutes

1. Present

Trustees: Mandy Burton (Chair), Carole Tudor (Treasurer), Louise Morpeth (Secretary), Allan Tudor, Peggy Prout, Jacqui Hodgson, Dominic Walley (for Sub aqua club).

2. Apologies: Lynn Williams, Dave Coleman, Steve Mackay, David Prout, Elaine Hopkins

3. Minutes from previous meeting and matters arising.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

The Open Spaces Sport and Recreation Plan (OSSRP) was submitted to Parish Council and accepted.

MB has commissioned the play park plan. She is hoping for something to display at the Extravaganza.

Dog signs were put up in August and appear to be having a positive effect. Trustees expressed their thanks to Carole and Alan for sorting this out.

4. Club User agreements

Sub-aqua club has endorsed their agreement.

Meadowbrook Athletic Football Club has agreed to sign, with one minor amendment.

Totnes & Dartington Football Club have agreed to sign

The agreement is with the Swimming Club to review.

Licences are also in place with Il Vulcano and the fish and chip shop van for their use of the car park.

The process of agreeing the user agreements has flushed out some issues about finance and is ensuring all costs are properly covered.

Action: CT to check DRA liability regarding accidents in the pool. Would the insurance cover the DRA since it does not 'manage' the pool.
CT to add a clause to all agreements about DHT to be mediator in the event of there being a dispute.

5. Dartington Hall Trust working party

MB & LM gave an update on discussions.

JH was supportive of the DRA progressing with current plans.

AB explained that DHT has a legal duty to replicate any sports facilities that are lost if there is housing development.

Decision: it was agreed that the DRA should wait until DHT fulfil their obligations before the conversation progresses.

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6. Lease

An amendment to the lease that had been agreed in December 2016 has not yet been incorporated.

7. Play Park plan

MB gave update on progress which included the design proposed by Earthwrights. A design and proposal for Timberplay is expected soon. At this point further consultation will be conducted. A plan with budget and sustainability proposal will be presented at the November meeting.

The work remains on track with fundraising starting in the autumn with the aspiration to have the build completed by summer 2018.

The plan also includes developing play opportunities for older children on the other side of the stream.

A concern was expressed about the high volumes of traffic on the road between the field and the garage. It is not safe for children to cross.

8. Meadowbrook Extravaganza

Plans for the Extravaganza are progressing well with lots of action required in the last couple of weeks.

Action: LM to check with EH regarding swimming pool committees plans to participate. LM to request access to DHT parking. CT to ensure grass is cut. MB to follow up with Landworks about benches.

9. AOB

AB suggested the DRA considered adding an outdoor gym to the plans for the Meadowbrook site. He also suggested that the football club approach the FA about funds for improving the facilities (the pavilion) and grounds. AB offered to help DRA groups with fund raising if useful.

There is a vacancy to represent the Primary School.

Action: LM to follow up with Jill Mahon

Next meeting: Thursday 16th November 7pm (AGM)