

Extract from the draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of The Parish, 6th March 2018, agenda item 5

Playing Field: Report by trustee Marion Brown

Grant funding for play area equipment is being sought and the trustees would be interested to hear what sort of things parishioners would like. We are also looking for new funding ideas, for example a car boot sale. Basic maintenance costs for the Field are £1,300 a year, including £900 for the hedges.

At this point, Ian Brett asked if the Playing Field discussion could be broadened. He acknowledged recent emailed answers he had received that clarified the Parish Council's responsibilities and relationship to the Playing Field. At present the PF has about £4,000 in the bank, which, with no regular or guaranteed income established, will only last 3 or 4 years. Following an open discussion about the value of the Playing Field as a community asset, it was proposed, seconded and a vote carried that the Parish Council should consider increasing the precept by £1,000 to support maintenance costs. The Clerk pointed out that, as stated on the agenda, the Parish Council is not legally bound to act upon the vote and that the precept for 2018/19 has already been set. However, the Chairman said the request would naturally be considered at a later Parish Council meeting.