

**Loppergarth Playground and Community Group**  
**Thursday 16th September, 2021, 7.30pm**  
**at The Wellington Inn, Loppergarth**

Present: Lynne Diggie, Julie Dawes, Ann Brown, Julia, Angie, Alastair Davidson, Helen Slater  
Apologies: Peter Mills, Joe Ramsbottom

Minutes from the last meeting: All agreed a true and accurate record.

Action from Minutes:

Julie volunteered to contact Joe regarding follow up with cleaning and repairs to the telephone box, Joe has contacts that could take on this task. Paint has been previously required.

**ACTION:** Julie to report back from Joe.

Maintenance:

Parish Council received the monthly report from Peter, the SLDC playground inspector, it was noted that the slide timbers require replacing. Lynne will follow up with The Clerk regarding a copy of the report, the content and the priority of this repair.

**ACTION:** Lynne

At the recent Parish Council meeting members agreed to fund 50% of the amount required to repair the slide timbers. It was agreed that we have the funds to match the remaining 50%. Peter has quoted £1500.00, a further quote will be sort for comparison.

A replacement dog fouling sign will be looked into.

**ACTION:** Helen to ask the clerk for spare signs or how to order via SLDC.

Finance:

We have a healthy budget with an opening balance of £2815.91

Funds are currently available to enable 50% purchase towards replacing slide timbers.

Fundraising:

Ideas were discussed and it was decided to host a Casino Night. Feedback from previous nights has been positive, with a positive turn out.

**ACTION:** Julie volunteered John to follow up with the pub regarding availability.

Any Other Business:

Council have been to cut the verges on the footpath from the playground through to the Railway Bridge. Previously Community Payback have been able to clean the pathway.

Helen mentioned a group from Haverigg Prison that recently offered a clean up brigade to Parish Councils. This group could possibly trim back the hedges where a tractor can't reach.

**ACTION:** Helen to ask the Clerk for more details.

Peter volunteered to complete a sponsored walk to raise funds, unfortunately Covid-19 has prevented this from happening. We will follow up with Peter at the next meeting.

Helen and Alastair informed the group of a recent planning application submitted for Cowran Estate, requesting prior approval for camping and caravans. Members of the community are welcome to send in their comments to SLDC or the Parish Council.

Over the past year, car parking within the village has been a hot topic. Before any plans are put in place a community meeting will be arranged by The Parish Council. Relevant bodies, from County Council, Highways, Road Safety and Emergency services, including the community will be invited to attend. The Parish Council will ensure that all views, concerns, suggestions will be heard and the advice provided from the

relevant bodies will be very important to determine a positive outcome for all members of the community. At this meeting we talked about various options including the area close to the farm buildings heading towards Lindal. All options will be tabled at the community meeting. Further questions are to be directed to the Parish Council.

A letter for filing was received by Lynne - dated 27/04/1988, addressed to North West Water Authority from Alan Mitchell Vicar of Pennington, regarding the playground.

Minutes of the meeting are available on the website <http://loppergarth.co.uk> and will also be displayed in The Wellington.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th October, 2021 at 7:00pm

Meeting concluded at 8:10pm