

Minutes from the Dual Use Playing Field Committee  
Thursday 14th November 2013 18:00

Present: Rosie Shackell ( Chair), Rachel Simmons (Headteacher), Michael Paris (Bursar), George McDonagh (Caretaker), John Hinch( School Governor).

Apologies: Jon Hunt, Alex Driver

Minutes

Matters Arising / Security

- a) Vandalism - George reported three broken windows since 23rd May 2013. Another issue has been the broken glass that is frequently left on the school grounds.
- b) The leaflet drop (Security : 23rd May Dual use meeting) from the PCO has been organised but has not taken place as yet. The leaflet drop was aimed at encouraging the community to be vigilant in respect to the school and its use out of hours.

Discussion covered the idea of the school delivering a letter to all householders that surround the school grounds on the basis of encouraging them to report, in real time, any unusual/ unruly behavior that they may witness on the school grounds.

- c) Michael has chased enterprise re: spare litter bins at PCC (matters arising May 2013) but, as yet, to no fruition. Michael will call Enterprise again and get back to Rosie.
- d) Alex Driver and Jon Hunt to set up dual use site on Helpston.net. To upload Dual use minutes.
- e) After a considerable amount of time the PC have eventually given John Clare a representative to meet with and talk through the dual use issues. Alison Chambers will attend a future meeting and will be presented with a full agenda of Dual use "issues" prior to the meeting. Michael has a thorough list of agenda items for the proposed meeting with Alison. It might be stressed that the meeting, although it is officially a site meeting, is likely to cover other of our issues.
- f) Michael reported that the gate will be closed at "dusk" until Spring.

Update from Rachel Simmons (Headteacher)

- Local authority have been asked for funding for CCTV cameras (will pay 50%). Parish council have agreed to look to the Barnack ward to raise the other 50 % of the funding. The John Clare school will then have to establish and find running and maintenance costs. Whilst proposed location of the cameras has been discussed this will need further clarification closer to the time of installment.
- Given the time and effort that the vandalism has cost the school and particularly Rachel, there still exists a great deal of support for the dual use of the field and an understanding of its value within our community. It is also understood that there is , however, a limit as to what the school can tolerate in terms of time and financial cost.

Next Meeting: AGM 6pm JCS Thursday 22nd May, 2014.