

Horton Playing Field Group Chairman's Report to AGM Parish Council

30th May 2019

2018 to 2019 first year in summary.

After what seems a long winter, with just a short burst of Breakfast events and Easter special, we are now into 2019, and the spring is here. It's a year since we started and to most people outside the project, nothing much is visible, yet.

We all knew the correct ownership of the playing field, however as the land registry only started keeping records of this type since the 1980's The Parish Council and ourselves were mutually surprised this was not already logged with them. So, working together with the Parish Council and Clerk, registration in the land registry was completed late last year. While this was being resolved, it did have a side effect of almost 6 months of not being able to progress the bigger grant applications that would apply due diligence and check the records. ... So what HAS been happening. We have almost £7,000 (net of purchases so far) in the play field account and are on track to do what the Project promised in the beginning.

In 2018

We said we would canvass the villagers and get a design that people wanted **(done)**

We said we would put the project to the Parish Council work with them for approval **(done)**

We said we would take on the Breakfasts and make them a success **(done, and still doing)**

We said that we would begin to get equipment purchased during 2019 **(done)**

We said we would have a plan on how to get the design built in stages **(nearly Done)**

In 2019

We said we would apply for and win grants – Starting with Skipton, and now getting on the shortlist with Calor **(done)** – Skarryn will explain what we need to do to win this bigger grant.

Next priorities for 2019

The usual events continue next one being 2nd June – Big Breakfast

Other Fundraising in progress:

- 1) Bell event postponed to August 2019 – no band secured for the evening
- 2) The Open Gardens - not happening in 2019 insurance complications.
- 3) Breakfasts – begin again in the Autumn
- 4) Grants
 - a. Calor
 - b. Sport England,
 - c. National Lottery,
 - d. SSDC
 - e. Clarks
 - f. We are reviewing the smaller, but easier to apply for grants again. Such as the Tesco blue tokens etc. These will be used to build additional funds that will be needed for the 50%-50% funding larger grants.

Returning to progress this year:

- Seating has been delivered and installed.
- Final quotes for the Nest swing will be presented to the Parish Council at this meeting
- Final quotes coming in for the Pathway and Play wall for the pitch – As soon as we have an agreed quote this will become the top priority for approval and work, this element begins the real transformation of the Field into a real multi-purpose resource for the community – We have checked if the park needs to be fully closed for this part of the project and we just need to alert the residents and the Parish Council.
- Entrance gate – The parish Council will get quotes for this item to fund directly – as this protects and updates to current standards the entry into the Parish owned property.

A couple of things left to sort out:

- 1) The grass mowing contract was an annual thing.... It will be an item on the Parish agenda for this month.
- 2) The big oak tree by the proposed toddler's area. The Parish Council are aware of the issue and action will be taken, co-ordinated between us, before the toddler area is constructed.

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