

Ellerker Playing Fields AGM

EPFC Chair's Report

Date: Tuesday 9th April 2019

Time: 7.30

I. Welcome

Thank you all for turning out for what must be the 66th AGM of the Ellerker Playing Fields Committee

II. Plan for the evening.

I am the first of three short reports this evening, to be followed by Jo on finance and Sophie on dates for forthcoming events and the search for someone to take on the Secretaries role by September of this year if no one volunteers tonight. There are two broader issues to be shared later this evening before we establish committee arrangements and membership for the year ahead.

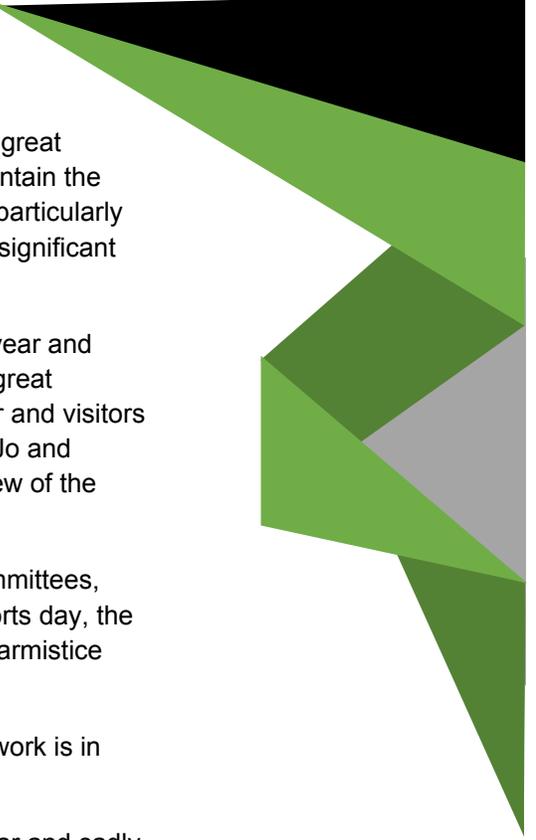
III. Thanks

My major role tonight is to thank our committee members and all those people from the village who have helped to make this a busy and successful year.

My first two big thanks are to Sophie, as Secretary who has kept us in order and in meetings, and to Jo as Treasurer who has rapidly got on top of finances and insurances. More in their reports, and thanks to the people who held office before them for helping with a smooth transition.

Gareth has sent his apologies tonight but has done tremendously well, with support from the rest of the committee in securing a grant of just over £50k to renovate and extend the playing field play equipment. That should now be installed with work beginning just after the Tour de Yorkshire. We attended a cheque handover meeting recently that received good press coverage, and hope to meet Kavli staff again on completion to extend the gratitude of the village for this very substantial grant.

Big thanks also to Linda, Jo and Gareth who between them have kept a daily eye on the safety and condition of the field for children. And to the whole committee and to many people in the village for practical help with working parties sorting out the Beck, margins and trees,



generally and in preparation for special events. These are great opportunities for the village to come together and help maintain the safety and attractiveness of a major village asset. I would particularly like to thank Howard, Tim and Phillip who have been very significant players throughout the year.

The Summer Fayre is our major fundraising activity each year and involves a great deal of work from lots of people. We had great weather, a good turnout of stalls, sponsorship, music, beer and visitors despite or because of the rival sporting event. I hope that Jo and Sophie will enlarge of the work involved and a further review of the event in their comments shortly.

We contributed to, alongside many of the other village committees, three good community events this year, The children's sports day, the combined Christmas event and the installation of the new armistice memorial bench.

Another bench is in need of renewal or replacement, and work is in hand with the family concerned to move that forward.

A large branch broke from the cherry (Family) tree this year and sadly it had to be felled, a job which was combined with topping out of three limes behind the village hall. The contract for maintain and cutting the grass has worked well and overall the grass is in good condition coming out of a mild winter. Thanks to Tony Barratt and his team for delivering that contract for us.

On other fronts, a traveller's family broke down on the A63 and spent a few hours with us until repairs and an onward journey could be affected. We worked together with the Parish and Neighbourhood Watch to ensure all went safely and smoothly.

We have become members of the combined Ellerker Village Emergency Planning group and have met twice to review activity and rehearse scenarios.

I would also like to thank Tim Pickles for helping with lots of communication activity during the course of the year and for a very long stewardship of the Ellerker Newsletter which passes on to new hands this year.

Finally, we are working together across the village groups to support the Parish Council in preparing for the visit of the Tour de Yorkshire on May 2nd. This involves events at Ellerker Lodge, The Back Horse, The Playing Fields and Local Elections so should be a good day.

Thank you all for your support during the year. Can I now ask Jo to take us forward through the next report?

