



Parent Council Meeting – 24 November 2020
(Held via Google Meet)

Present: Ms Karen Orchard, Ms Rebecca Mitchell, Ms Michelle Smith, Ms Krystle Burnett, Ms Anna Royle, Cllr Alison Alphonse, Ms Sarah Burnett (minutes).

Apologies: Ms Laura Park, Ms Katherine Chadwick, Mr Chris Bridle.

1 - Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from previous meeting agreed by all in attendance.

2 - Crossing Patrol / Road Safety

Concerns presented from the parent and carer groups regarding road safety and crossing patroller post remains vacant. AA outlined that she could take this forward. Problem is recruitment for school crossing patrollers.

AR confirmed that no one had applied for the post. AA shared this is a City-wide issue.

AA spoke at full council meeting previously regarding this issue and feedback was that the council are not babysitters! AA suggesting a site visit along with Andrew Jones and someone from the roads department, possibly Doug Ritchie, and try to come at end of the school day. To the school and the top of Greenbrae Drive where the crossing patroller would have been placed.

AA will email AR to confirm when they can arrange the site visit as soon as possible.

MS discussed as there is no designated drop off or pick up point near the school as some other schools do. Would it be feasible to have temporary designated drop off area so the parents can stop and drop off children safely? Potentially behind the zig zags there is space for a few cars to stop. AA will ask that this is also considered when the site visit is undertaken.

AR – Park and stride at the church is still available; however, this is not being used. Likely due to parents dropping and heading straight to work.

3 - Playground

Discussion regarding the areas of the playground that are unusable during winter months due to flooding in the wet or icing over in the frost. The PTA have been asked for fund to create a more usable space in the field area however discussion at the PTA was that this was be a

substantial cost and it was considered that the Local Authority could be funding this particularly in the current climate where children are being asked to be outdoors as much as possible in all weathers.

There had been attempts to drain the field previously and it was discovered there is a burn running under the ground. When wet the grass is unsafe as parents and children have slipped and fallen.

AR stated that it would cost around £15 000 so we would have to look to start an enterprise project and fund raising if we try to achieve this on our own.

AA agreed that having a large space that is predominantly unusable is not helpful and will ask Andrew Jones to look into this during the site visit.

If this cannot be progressed following the site visit with Andrew AA will raise this as a member's enquiry to progress our behalf.

Future Dates

Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 6.30pm

Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 6.30pm

Tuesday 01st June 2021 at 6.30pm