

NOTES - BMX TRACK CONSULTATION MEETING 10.7.25

Councillor Marten opened the meeting and Councillors introduced themselves.

Due to his knowledge of the history of the site Cllr Casson explained the background to the Parish Council's involvement with the track - the track was commissioned in 2008, East Riding Council gifted the materials, soil and machinery with the Parish Council acting as guarantor for the lease to the Friends of KGV for 30 years. A "buddy" system incorporating KGV group members and parents looking after the maintenance of the track. The land is actually owned by East Riding Council, but leased to Cottingham Parish Council (previously Friends of KGV but passed to CPC when the Friends folded).

The track fell into disrepair in 2014, reports of anti-social behaviour were received.

The Friends of KGV group disbanded in 2020, Cottingham Parish Council have taken over the lease and funds of £3000 have been forwarded to the Parish Council from the KGV Trust. The Parish Council paid the backdated rent of £268 per year for the 4 years since 2020.

A number of attendees expressed their support for the track and asked questions about the Parish Council's involvement, the role and responsibilities of the Parish Council and ERYC in relation to recreational provision; what plans there were if the track was removed; whether commuted sums/ S106 funds could be used towards maintaining the track; what resources ERYC could or would make available; lack of provision and facilities for young people in the parish; the outcomes and costs of previous recreational surveys; the support provided to one another by users; what the health and safety requirements were for the track; possibility of rebuilding the track; whether the Parish Council could liaise with a national BMX association; whether the Parish Councillors supported the facility; what the next steps would be.

It was noted that the CCTV system is a closed system on the Playing Fields, managed by KGV and not part of the overall Parish Council funded system and not linked to it. The CCTV cameras on the BMX area do not currently work, and have not for some time

Councillors explained that they were pleased so many people had shown an interest especially young people; that Councillors were in support of the facility but needed to ensure it was safe and properly managed; that further work was required to establish health and safety requirements and signage; that commuted sums can only be used towards new, not existing, projects; that the Parish Council currently insures the BMX track; that the Council would welcome the involvement of volunteers and a management group to support the facility; that the ideas presented by attendees would be investigated further.

It was agreed that a BMX Working Group, comprising of Parish Councillors and members of the public, be established to consider the future of the track

It was agreed that the Parish Council will produce a survey for members of the public to complete to gauge further public opinion regarding the future of the track. Another meeting will be held with volunteers and other interested residents once the survey results have been collated