



# EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Play Area Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 12 September 2017,  
6.30pm at the Bartholomew Rooms

## MINUTES

**Present:** Cllr Mark Zumbuhl (Committee Chairman), Cllr Gordon Beach, Cllr Andrew Bickley, Cllr Katherine Crowe, Cllr Sue Osborne and Cllr Ross Macken.

**In attendance:** Katherine Dougherty, Clerk to the Council and 2 members of the public.

**17/P75 To accept apologies for absence** – Cllr Richard Andrews and Cllr Sue Brown.

**17/P76 Declarations of Interest** – None.

**17/P77 To review the minutes of the 13 June 2017** – The minutes were reviewed.

**17/P78 Public Participation** – No items raised.

**17/P79 Correspondence** – A resident has contacted Cllr Zumbuhl to advise that the play digger is too large for young children. Councillors considered that the digger is only available in one size, however the sand level needs to be raised. New play equipment for a wide age range will be considered in the future.

**17/P80 To review income, expenditure against budget** – Financial information was reviewed. It was noted that a transfer from Reserves to the Grounds Maintenance budget may be required at the next Committee meeting.

**17/P81 To consider quotes for repair work at Dovehouse Close Play Area** – Item was deferred pending receipt of further quotes.

**17/P82 To consider repairs and review RoSPA reports/maintenance reports:-**

(a) **Old Witney Road** – Noted that the quote from Safe and Sound Playgrounds for a replacement rope bridge has been accepted. Noted that the goalmouth needs to have top soil added and re-seeded in the Spring. Clerk is to assess a crack in the wetpour surface in the area of the slide.

(b) **Dovehouse 'Come and Play'** – Clerk is to pursue:-

- Tightening of various nuts/bolts in the play area by Ubico.
- Sand needs to be raked.
- Play bark added to the various areas.
- Clerk is to check the edging of the slide's safety surface.
- Clerk is to obtain quotes for goal mouth refurbishment work (as per Old Witney Road).

(c) **Oxford Road including zip wire and graffiti wall** – Clerk is to pursue:-

- Sand level is to be topped up.
- Removal of ground fixing plates (Ubico had agreed to undertake previously).
- Self closing gates to be repaired.
- Missing bolt to be replaced and projecting bolt thread to be cut/filed at the Skate Park.

The Clerk is to check how often play area inspections are undertaken by other local Councils and recommend an inspection system going forward. It was noted that a number of tasks remain outstanding with Ubico – Clerk is to pursue for their prompt completion.

**17/P83 To receive an update on the Skate Park and consider bench installation** – The Clerk researched some bench styles and proposed a metal option from Earth Anchors. It was noted that The Rotary Club has previously offered to pay for a bench at the Skate Park. Clerk is to assess the area for a suitable location (ideally a concrete base is required) and contact the Rotary Club to check that the offer remains and whether a plaque is required.

**17/P84 To discuss any future requirements** – Cllr Crowe is to draft a list of play equipment requirements for consideration which will be funded by future S106 money. Cllr Zumbuhl will also be canvassing for public opinion in the forthcoming Eynsham News.

**17/P85 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 14 November at 6.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.35pm