



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Play Area Committee Meeting
Tuesday 20 March 2018,
7.30pm at the Bartholomew Room

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Mark Zumbuhl (Committee Chairman), Cllr Richard Andrews, Cllr Gordon Beach, Cllr Katherine Crowe, Cllr Sue Osborne and Cllr Carl Rylett.

In attendance: Katherine Dougherty, Clerk to the Council. There were no members of the public.

18/P1 To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Andrew Bickley, Cllr Sue Brown and Cllr Ross Macken.

18/P2 Declarations of Interest – None.

18/P3 To review the minutes of the 14 November 2017 – The minutes were reviewed.

18/P4 Public Participation – No items raised.

18/P5 To review income, expenditure against budget – Financial information was reviewed.

18/P6 To consider maintenance to:-

(a) Old Witney Road –

- Net swing – the manufacturer has advised that the damage was caused by vandalism which the Committee do not agree with. Clerk is to strongly challenge the conclusion given the way the wire has been severed. As the swing is only 2 years old, Clerk is to request a partial refund towards the purchase of a new swing. It was **RECOMMENDED** that a replacement net swing is purchased from Online Playgrounds at £650.
- Clerk is to obtain further quotes for the repair of safety surfacing under the slide.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that TCL's quote is accepted for installation of an additional goalpost socket and goalmouth refurbishment work.

(b) Dovehouse 'Come and Play' –

- It was **RECOMMENDED** that TCL's quote is accepted for the removal of existing goalposts, installation of new goalposts including 6 sockets and goalmouth refurbishment work. A quote was considered for the provision (only) of new goalposts – it was **RECOMMENDED** that this is accepted if the Clerk is unable to obtain cheaper quotes.
- Additional quotes are required for topping-up bark and sand levels.
- Clerk is to check the Pavilion Compound for storage of safety mats for possible use around the slide.
- Clerk is to contact Trevor Stewart to check (1) whether safety surfacing is provided or required underneath the recently installed wooden post unit (2) whether safety surfacing needs extending to the side of the slide.

(c) Oxford Road including zip wire and graffiti wall –

- A replacement Eibe sand bucket is with Ubico for installation. 2 more buckets are being stored for future use.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that TCL's quote was accepted for the repair of the Heras play area gate, installation of a new self closing gate (yellow) at the Pavilion car park and installation of a self closing mechanism to the Hazeldene gate.
- The Clerk advised that the Rotary Club had kindly provided a grant towards the new Skate Park bench of £450. The bench is due to be installed as soon as the weather improves as a concrete base is required. Clerk is to forward a letter of appreciation.

18/P7 To discuss any future requirements – Clerk is to draft inspection sheets promptly for fortnightly inspections to be undertaken by trained Councillors. Replacement play equipment was discussed for Old Witney Road and it was felt that a new multi-play unit for toddlers would be beneficial. Clerk offered to provide a list of 5 options for consideration and community consultation. It was felt that table tennis equipment for Oxford Road would be a beneficial addition to the field. Cllr Zumbuhl will consider options.

18/P8 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 19 June 2018 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm