



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Play Areas Committee Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 6.30pm
on Tuesday 19 June 2018

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Andrew Bickley, Cllr Sue Brown, Cllr Peter Emery, Cllr Ross Macken, Cllr Sue Osborne and Cllr Carl Rylett.

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

18/P9 To appoint a Committee Chairman for the Council year 2018/19 – As not all Committee members were present, it was agreed that Cllr Bickley act as Chairman for the meeting only and the item is deferred to the next Committee meeting.

18/P10 To accept apologies for absence – Cllr Gordon Beach and Cllr Katherine Crowe. Cllr Mark Zumbuhl was not present.

18/P11 Declarations of Interest – None.

18/P12 To review the minutes of the 20 March 2018 – The minutes were reviewed. Clerk is to re-circulate the inspection sheets to Committee members.

18/P13 Public Participation – No items raised.

18/P14 To receive correspondence – No correspondence raised. The Clerk advised that she had received some phone calls regarding the broken fencing at Oxford Road Play Area which the Council is already aware of. Clerk is to create some 'Council Aware' stickers when items have already been raised for action which residents may also contact the Clerk to report.

18/P15 To review income, expenditure against budget – Financial information was reviewed. New and replacement play equipment was discussed and noted that the current budget is likely to be exceeded. Clerk is to advise the Finance & General Purposes Committee accordingly and obtain up to date S106 figures from the District Council.

18/P16 To consider maintenance to:-

- (a) **Old Witney Road** – Clerk advised that the replacement goalpost will be ordered shortly to co-ordinate with other work being undertaken by TCL.
- (b) **Dovehouse 'Come and Play'** – It was noted that the play bark top-up work had commenced and was due to be completed on the following day. 5 bags had been ordered at a total of £520.
- (c) **Oxford Road including zip wire and graffiti wall** – Play sand was due to be topped up on the following day. 5 bags had been ordered at a total of £500. Clerk is to assess the levels when the bags had been used for both Oxford Road and Dovehouse Close.

Cllr Beach requested that the unapproved access route into the Skate Park area from Oxford Road is discussed in his absence. The members present considered that blocking off the gap would soon get broken down again and therefore felt that alternative proposals to keep it open but restrict to pedestrians should be considered. Councillors considered that a scheme is designed using pedestrian safety barriers and/or a kissing gate. The scheme will be considered by the Full Council and permission sought from Corpus Christi College thereafter.

White-washing of the graffiti wall was discussed. Clerk is to check with Cllr Beach when it should be undertaken.

The Clerk advised that an insurance claim letter had been sent to More Than Insurance for damage caused to the Oxford Road Play Area fencing by a young driver. Replacement fencing will cost £1746.90.

18/P17 To consider and approve an updated cost for play inspection services by Play Safety Ltd (RoSPA) of £395.50 + VAT – It was RECOMMENDED that the revised costs are approved.

18/P18 To consider and approve an updated cost for a replacement nest swing at Old Witney Road Play Area by Online Playgrounds Ltd of £950 + VAT – It was RECOMMENDED that the replacement nest swing is approved.

18/P19 To discuss any future requirements.

- (a) To consider replacement play equipment options for Old Witney Road (to replace tower multiplay unit) – The Clerk provided a number of play equipment designs for discussion (some with quotes for removal of existing equipment and installation of new equipment and others with list prices only). After some discussion, it was agreed that the 4 towers multi-play equipment will be removed and replaced with 2 or 3 small items for children aged from 6 months. Additionally, a multi-play item aimed at pre-school children is to be installed on the natural boundary of the existing play equipment area (ie towards the middle of the field). Clerk is to obtain quotes and full designs from Playdale Playgrounds and Wicksteed.
- (b) To consider installation of table tennis at Oxford Road Playing Field (North) – The Clerk provided 2 options of equipment costing in the region of £3500. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Bartholomew School to obtain costing and company details of the school's table.
- (c) To consider any other requirements – None raised.

18/P20 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 11 September 2018 at 6.30pm. Councillors and residents are to refer to the published meeting agendas for confirmed times.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm