



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Play Areas Committee Meeting
in the Bartholomew Room at 7.30pm
on Tuesday 17 March 2020

MINUTES

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

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

20/P1 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Sue Brown, Cllr Katherine Crowe and Cllr Nick Relph.

20/P2 Declarations of Interest – None.

20/P3 To review the minutes of the 19 November 2019 – The minutes were approved at the Full Council meeting on 10 December 2019.

20/P4 Public Participation – No items raised.

20/P5 To receive correspondence – None.

20/P6 To review weekly inspections sheets and consider routine maintenance for:-

- (a) Old Witney Road – The springy chicken had been scorched. No safety concerns at the current time.
- (b) Dovehouse 'Come and Play'- The Clerk advised that the graffiti has been removed. More batons need to be replaced (inbetween the toddler and junior areas). It was felt that planting laurels in front of the fence would be an alternative to replacing vandalised batons. Cllr Rylett is to include this in the Eynsham Nature Recovery Group's recommendations to the Council.
- (c) Oxford Road including zip wire, graffiti wall and skate park – Some wooden posts edging the sandpit have become rotten and need replacing. Also, the see-saw needs adjusting as it allows slight horizontal movement. Clerk is to contact TCL to investigate and obtain costs for alternative replacement materials for the sandpit edging, check whether the sand is at the correct depth and obtain costs for attending to the seesaw. The skate park is to have its bark topped up when other play bark is required.
- (d) North and South Oxford Road playing fields boundaries – Improvements will be recommended to the Council by the Nature Recovery Group.

20/P7 To consider future regular play areas inspections resources and agree actions – The Clerk advised that Ubico are fully committed at the current time and are therefore unable to undertake weekly inspections. Therefore, for the time being, Councillors need to continue with these. The Clerk advised that Ubico currently empty Eynsham's litter and dog bins, unlock the car park gates in the morning, cut grass and undertake weedkilling. All maintenance work needs to be reviewed to consider whether it can be co-ordinated more efficiently or effectively.

20/P8 To review income and expenditure against budget – Financial information was reviewed.

20/P9 Date of next meeting – The Play Area Committee will cease with effect from 5 May.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm