



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Play Area Committee was held in the Bartholomew Room on Tuesday 27 May 2008 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present

Mr G Beach, Mrs R Cadman, Mrs L Dickinson, Mrs S Osborne, Mrs L Piálek, Mrs S Prior & Mrs M Sheppard

1 Apologies for Absence – Mr T Green & Mrs S Lee (Clerk)

2 Election of Chairperson

Mrs L Piálek was unanimously re-elected as chair of the committee. All new members were welcomed and introduced to each other.

3 Declarations of Interest – None

4 Correspondence – Wytham View request to move bench

The request to move the bench closer to the light and further away from the back wall of nearby residents' gardens was considered. Concerns were raised regarding the effects of a move on users of the play area and regarding possible costs. The committee felt that more clarification was needed as to the reasons for the request and the preferred location. Moreover, the committee was interested to know whether the particular resident's concern was shared by nearby neighbours. Clerk to ask for further explanation from the resident. **Action: Clerk**

5 Play Area signs

The committee considered the proposed signs submitted by Falcon as well as the amended designs submitted by the Communications Committee. The committee unanimously preferred the amended versions, but would like to make sure that the original graphics are retained (ie a dog in the 'no-dog sign' and a bottle in the 'no-glass sign'). Clerk to get quotes from Falcon for the new designs. **Action: Clerk**

6 Long-term strategy – forward planning for play in the area

It was agreed to take a long-term view taking into account current and projected demographic developments and ensure that Eynsham's play areas are suitable for as wide a range of children as possible, especially when conducting the play area equipment review (see point 7 below) and deciding on phase 2 plans for the Witney Road play area (see point 8 below). It was agreed to consider how to cater to different age ranges and to children with special needs. Where possible, the committee will consult with parents of children with special needs as well as with local schools and

parent clubs. A medium-term programme of suggested works will then be submitted to the Council.

7 Play Area Equipment Review

It was agreed to undertake the review as part of the next committee meeting on July 8. Weather permitting, all three play areas will be visited by the committee. It is hoped that by that time there might be some additional information about the possible availability of Section 106 monies from the proposed East Eynsham development. Moreover, the RoSPA inspection will have taken place by that time and the assessment report can be used a starting point for the committee's observations.

8 Phase 2 Plans – Witney Road Play Area

Different alternatives for equipment will be considered together with the original plans. This will be part of the play area equipment review (see point 7 above). The possibility of a second football goal was discussed, but no decision taken. It was agreed to press ahead with improving access to the play area by making the gate more user friendly. Clerk to get quotes for removing existing gate and erecting a new one.

Action: Clerk

9 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 8 July 7pm at Witney Road play area.