



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Play Area Committee meeting held in the Bartholomew Room
on Tuesday 20 August 2013 at 7.00 pm

MINUTES

Present: Mr R Andrews, Mr G Beach, Mr A Bickley, Mrs S Brown, S Osborne and Mr P Wilding.

Also Present: Mr M Anderson (Clerk to the Council)

13/P8 Apologies – None

13/P9 Declaration of Interest – there was no declarations of interest

13/P10 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 June 2013 were confirmed and signed as a true record of the meeting.

13/P11 Public Participation – The sand digger in Oxford Road Play Area is not able to be used by the small children it was intended for. It was agreed to take this matter up with the supplier.

13/P12 Correspondence – None.

13/P13 Update on Maintenance of Play Areas – An update was given.

The following actions were agreed:-

- Is it a new requirement to have bark to a depth of 300mm. It was agreed to check if there is a rubber safety mat underneath the bark at Dovehouse "Come and Play".
- It was agreed to raise swings at Dovehouse "Come and Play" by 300mm.
- The Membrane under multi-play unit is still visible and needs correcting.
- Tree seedlings are growing under the swings at Dovehouse "Come and Play" and need removing.
- It was agreed to request a quote for Junior swings to replace the ones at Old Witney Road. It was agreed to ask what was available that would prevent birds being able to perch on the top of the swings.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** to purchase of a generator to enable power tools to be used where there was no mains supply.
- It was requested that the Groundsman cut down vandalised branches on the trees on the border of the Primary School and Dovehouse "Come and Play".
- It was agreed to monitor the foundation bricks that are breaking through to the surface in the path at Dovehouse "Come and Play" and to break them up if necessary.
- The self-closing mechanism on the gate at Old Witney Road needs to be inspected for creaking and closing, greasing if necessary.
- Oxford Road Play Area needs a hole drilling for the gate's locking bar. It was agreed to make it deeper than necessary to prevent it filling with soil etc.
- The surface just through gate at Old Witney Road was lifting.

13/P14 ROSPA Reports – The ROSPA reports were received and discussed. The following actions were agreed:-

- The graffiti would be removed from the Skate Park warning sign.

- It was agreed to monitor the damaged fence and take advice on the most appropriate replacement.
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the sign on the games wall at Old Witney Road will be replaced.
- It was agreed to seek to replace the junior swings at Old Witney Road.
- It was agreed to investigate the raised matting near the carousel at Old Witney Road.

13/P15 S106 Payment – Following discussion it was **RECOMMENDED** that a quote be sought for a replacement swing at Old Witney Road to be placed on the same footings as the current apparatus, an outdoor table tennis table, a junior trampoline for Old Witney Road and a trim trail or outdoor gym equipment for Oxford Road Play Area.

13/P16 Update on issues in the play areas – It was agreed that there is a need to understand how all the self-closing gates work and that they are effective.

Date of next meeting – 12 November 2013 at 7.00pm

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Recommendations to Council:

- It was **RECOMMENDED** to purchase of a generator
- It was **RECOMMENDED** that the sign on the games wall at Old Witney Road will be replaced
- it was **RECOMMENDED** that a quote be sought for a replacement swing at Old Witney Road, an outdoor table tennis table, a junior trampoline for Old Witney Road and a trim trail or outdoor gym equipment for Oxford Road Play Area.