



# ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

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**Draft Minutes of the Play Area Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 1:30pm  
at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

**Councillors Present:** Daniel Adams, Jean Blake, Jake Chandler, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes (Chairman) and Vera Tomlinson  
**Officer Present:** Luke Jones (Grounds Manager), Emma Sylvester (Clerk)  
**Public Present:** None

**41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
Cllr S MacDonald

**42. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
None

**43. MINUTES RESOLVED**  
To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and signed as a true record.

**44. PUBLIC RECESS**  
No public present

**45. PLAY AREAS**

- (i) Members received updated financial information stating that there was £5,761.89 in Play Areas Earmarked Reserves.
- (ii) Members discussed play area faults as detailed on the attached spreadsheet in the Minute Book. The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported there were no issues regarding broken equipment and most issues were broken glass and rubbish., noting that Swindon Borough Council would be making repairs to Delius. Comments were made regarding reports of broken glass in the parks. The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that he had met with Swindon Borough Council to discuss repairs at Addinsell and Delius.  
**RESOLVED**  
To repair gates at Brook Park play area at a cost of £800 by Swindon Engineering.  
To repair surface at Groundwell play area at a cost of £500  
This will be funded by Earmarked Reserves already allocated by Full Council.
- (iii) The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that Bridlewood Play Area would be complete by the end of February as the awaited part has now been delivered and the contractor will install over the next couple of weeks.
- (iv) Members discussed remainder of Earmarked funds for Highdown which Full Council had approved spending on new equipment.  
**RESOLVED**  
To purchase a new gate from Online Playgrounds at a cost of £900



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- (v) It was noted the refurbishment of Wallis Drive would begin on 28<sup>th</sup> February. It was agreed to discuss details of an official opening at the next Play Area meeting.
- (vi) Members discussed having a mural painted on the muga at Highdown Way play area. Members were unsure due to the possibility of the muga being replaced and thinking that it may encourage graffiti.

**RESOLVED**

To paint over the current graffiti with a single colour to tidy up the muga with a budget of £50

## 46. PLAY AREA LEASES

The Clerk reported that Full Council had recently agreed the boundaries of the following five play areas with Swindon Borough Council:

Cobbett Close  
Highdown Way  
Wallis Drive  
Groundwell West  
Standen Way

but was waiting for information on what remedial works Swindon Borough Council will complete on the bank behind Cobbett Close play area to stop water flowing into the play area and damaging the surface.

The Clerk also reported that Swindon Borough Council had confirmed that the parish council would be responsible for all the trees within the boundary of the play areas and would place this on the next Full Council agenda for discussion.

**RESOLVED**

To set up a meeting to discuss the inclusion of tree maintenance in the play area lease with SBC, Cllr Heyes, Cllr Blake, Chairman of the parish council, Clerk and Grounds Maintenance Manager.

The meeting closed at 2:36pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_