



ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Play Area Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 27th July 2021 at 11:00am at Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

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

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

23. MINUTES RESOLVED

To approve the minutes of the last meetings held on 19th and 25th June 2021 and signed as a true record.

24. PUBLIC RECESS

No public present

25. PLAY AREAS

(i) Members received 1st quarter income and expenditure report for play areas and balance in earmarked reserves as detailed in documents attached in the Minute Book. The Clerk informed the committee of the following committed expenditure leaving £3,500 in Earmarked Reserves:

£5k Wallis Landscaping

£13k Brook Park Roundabout

£150 Signage

£25k Bridlewood New Surface

£3k Repairs

RESOLVED to inform Full Council of the financial situation.

(ii) Members received list of play area faults and repairs as detailed in document attached in the Minute Book. Members asked about the dog chewed seat at Brook Park and it was agreed to check CCTV.

(iii) The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that work had started on installing the inclusive roundabout at Brook Park. It was hoped that this would be completed by week commencing 2nd August. Members discussed having an official opening.

RESOLVED to hold an official opening ceremony asking MP Justin Tomlinson to open the equipment. Clerk to organise.



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- (iv) Members discussed next steps for Eastbury Way adult exercise equipment. It was agreed to consult with the public later this year on equipment type and location.

RESOLVED

For Swindon Borough Council to remove current equipment at a cost of £967 and sell for scrap.

- (v) Members discussed next steps for Bridlewood play surface following Full Council decision to delegate decision to this committee and quotes received.

RESOLVED

To approve Abacus Playgrounds supplying new play area surface in one at Bridlewood play area a total cost of £24,997.

- (vi) The Chairman reported that he had been looking at grants to help refurbishment of play areas however organisations were looking for the parish council to have a play parks strategy showing future self financing. It was agreed for a list of required works to be discussed at the next meeting.

26 LEASES

The Chairman reported that he had raised the issue of Delius with Swindon Borough Council who had informed me that the parish and borough had joint responsibility. The committee did not agree with this and decided that a meeting should be arranged with decision makers at Swindon Borough Council to move forward with this.

RESOLVED

Clerk to organise meeting in September with Swindon Borough Council and members of the Play Areas committee.

27 HIGHDOWN WAY PLAY AREA

Members discussed installation of new equipment at Highdown Way to spend remaining of £1594.58 but Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that there is no equipment available with the available funds as installation would also be required by supplier.. It was agreed to continue discussions at the next meeting.

28 WALLIS DRIVE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

- (i) It was noted that the RFQ (Request For Quotation) had been published following agreement at Full Council.
- (ii) Members noted key dates as detailed in the document attached in the Minute Book.
- (iii) Members discussed holding a public consultation with similar dates to the Highdown Way consultation and seeing if the Jovial Monk would be available to host the event.

RESOLVED

For Clerk, Chairman and Vice Chairman to liaise with the Jovial Monk to arrange suitable dates and times. Clerk to advertise event and prepare voting slips.

29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 21st September at 3pm in Redhouse Community Centre.



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The meeting closed at 12:41pm

Chairman _____

Date _____