



# ST ANDREWS PARISH COUNCIL

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**Draft Minutes of the Play Area Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2021 at 3:00pm  
at Justin Tomlinson Constituency Office, First Floor Customer Service Hub,  
Orbital Shopping Park, Thamesdown Drive,**

**Councillors Present:** Daniel Adams, Jean Blake, Beverley Elmer, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes (Chairman) and Vera Tomlinson  
**Officer Present:** Luke Jones (Grounds Manager), Emma Sylvester (Clerk)  
**Public Present:** One

**30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

**31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**32. MINUTES  
RESOLVED**

With one addition to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and signed as a true record.

**33. PUBLIC RECESS**

No public present

**34. PLAY AREAS**

- (i) Members received income and expenditure report for play areas and balance in Earmarked Reserves as detailed in the document attached in the Minute Book.
- (ii) Members discussed play area faults as detailed on the attached spreadsheet in the Minute Book, 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 added that the team are picking it up daily. It was reported that residents had also commented that Wallis Drive is looking so much better now that shrubbery has been cut, saying they feel safer with the area being more open.
- (iii) Members noted that the installation of inclusive roundabout at Brook Park has been completed and there has been a positive from residents.
- (iv) The Clerk reported that the contractor had caused damage to the play equipment whilst laying the new surface. They have agreed to replace the damaged equipment and patch the new surface. Unfortunately, this would mean having joins in the surface, which the parish council wanted to avoid. The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that the play area was still in use and was still waiting for a response regarding a new surface without joins. Members agreed that they wanted a completely new surface and equipment to be replaced or repaired to the parish council's satisfaction.



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- (v) Members received a report from Cllr Heyes, as attached in the Minute Book, which detailed the maintenance needs on all play areas over the next three years. Cllr Heyes explained that St Andrews parish had the equivalent of 23 parks as the many of the 12 parks had junior and senior parks with a separate MUGA.

## **RESOLVED**

Grounds Maintenance Manager to double check equipment and repair figures. To recommend to Full Council that the figures in the report were used for setting the 2022/23 Budget

### **35. PLAY AREA LEASES**

The Chairman reported that an online meeting had been arranged with Swindon Borough Council on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September at 3pm to discuss the play area leases.

## **RESOLVED**

To include an extra 30cm of land around Standen Way play area as recommended by the Grounds Maintenance Committee for the Covid Rock Snake.

### **36. HIGHDOWN WAY PLAY AREA**

Cllr Blake reported that she had found several single pieces of play equipment under budget for Highdown Way.

## **RESOLVED**

Grounds Maintenance Manager to check installation costs so that adding a new piece of equipment would be within budget of £1594.58

### **37. WALLIS DRIVE PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT**

- (i) The Chairman reported that only two tenders had been received and it was disappointing to not have had more. It was thought that this was due to a high volume of play work around and companies are allocating staff to the bigger contracts.
- (ii) Members noted there would be a meeting to discuss feedback from the public consultations on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 in the parish office.
- (iii) The Chairman reported that no quotes had been received yet for CCTV.

### **38. YOUTH FORUM**

- (i) The Chairman reported that he had attended a Youth Offer workshop hosted by Swindon Borough Council. He explained that SBC were looking at setting up a Youth Zone with each parish having their own offering of activities.
- (ii) The Clerk reported that the parish had been invited to support a youth survey and all members wanted to be involved. Members also discussed setting up a youth working group.

## **RESOLVED**

Clerk to add to next Full Council agenda for consideration.

### **39. FUTURE MEETINGS**

Members discussed the time of future meetings due to new bookings at Redhouse Community Centre.

## **RESOLVED**



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The next Play Area Committee meetings would be as follows:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 1:30pm

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 1:30pm

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm

#### 40. EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Members discussed new exercise equipment and the Chairman reported that a whole new area would cost between £80k - £100K and a public consultation would have to be held to see public opinions as whether they would be happy with this being funded from the precept. Members discussed whether funds could be sought from S106 monies. The Chairman agreed to look into this.

The meeting closed at 4:10pm

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_