



# St Andrews Parish Council

**DRAFT** Minutes of the Play Areas Committee Meeting  
held at Justin Tomlinson Constituency Office, First Floor  
Customer Service Hub, Orbital Shopping Park, Thamesdown  
Drive on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 11:00am

**Councillors Present:** Jake Chandler, Mary Friend, Steve Heyes, Sue MacDonald and Vera Tomlinson,  
**Officer Present:** Emma Sylvester, Clerk and Luke Jones, Grounds Maintenance Manager  
**Public Present:** 0

## 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

## 3. ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN

**RESOLVED** To elect Cllr Jake Chandler as Vice Chairman to the Play Area Committee

## 4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

## 5. MINUTES

Members received the minutes of the last meeting and **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meetings held on 8<sup>th</sup> February and 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## 6. PUBLIC RECESS

No public present

## 7. ACCOUNTS

Members noted accounting reports as attached in the Minute Book showing that £4800 had been spent from the play area budget leaving with £13,820 left for play area maintenance. The Clerk added that there is £10,481.29 in Earmarked Reserves.

## 8. PLAY AREAS

(i) Wallis Drive

- a) The Grounds Maintenance Manager report that the play area was open to the public however two minor rubber repairs were needed on the surface. It was agreed for the Clerk to let residents know via social media that the play area is open to use.
- b) Members discussed holding an official opening. The Clerk informed members that the Grounds Maintenance Manager had obtained a donation from Sutcliffe of £125. **RESOLVED** to hold an official opening on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> August at 11am, inviting MP Justin Tomlinson to officially open the play area. It was agreed to place invitation on social media inviting residents, MOMS and Benjamin Smile. **RESOLVED** to spend £125 on ice creams and snacks.
- c) The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that a MUGA should have two exits and requested expenditure is approved for a new stone path at Wallis Drive play area. **RESOLVED** To approve expenditure for stone path costing a total of £118.25 for gravel, boards and hire of waker plate.

- (ii) Members discussed list of play area faults that had been used to budget for 2022/23. **RESOLVED** to approve expenditure up to £800 for new thermoplastic lines on Wallis Drive play area MUGA. Members requested quotations were obtained for new climbing nets at Eastbury Way and new play equipment for Standen Way play area.
- (iii) The Grounds Maintenance Manager reported that Bridlewood play area surface had now been completed.
- (iv) Cllr Heyes reported that he had visited an exhibition for outdoor adult gym equipment and explained that Kompan had offered the parish council a substantial discount to have equipment installed. The Clerk informed members that Financial Regulations state that contracts over the value of £25,000 are subject to procedures which require inviting other companies to tender. Members believed that is was a one off offer and discussed suspending Financial Regulations in order to proceed. **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council the purchase of outdoor adult gym equipment from Kompan and install at Brook Park subject to securing funding and permission from Swindon Borough Council
- (v) Members discussed anti-social behaviour within the parish in particular play area which included drug dealing. It was agreed to refer this matter to the next Full Council meeting.

## 9. S106 FUNDING

- (i) Members noted that S106 funds may be available as follows:  
*S/OUT/15/1025 and S/RES/17/0463 Land at Lady Lane (Triangle Sites abutting A419) – Green Square, Outdoor sports £22,979.14*  
*Outdoor sports contribution to be spent on outdoor sports in the north locality area to be decided by the St Andrews Ward Councillors.*
- (ii) Members agreed to refer discussing requesting S106 funds to Full Council.

## 10. LEASES

The Clerk reported that there was no further progress on the play area leases. At the last Full Council meeting it was agreed for the Chairman and Ward Councillors to meeting with the leader of Swindon Borough Council to discuss a way forward with the leases.

The meeting closed at 12:44pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_