



St Andrews Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Play Areas and Open Spaces Committee
Meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 2:30pm
at The Parish Office, Redhouse Community Centre,
Frankel Avenue, Swindon**

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Jean Blake, Mary Friend, Vera Tomlinson and Vince Williams
Officer Present: Emma Sylvester
Public Present: None

- 11 ELECT A -CHAIRMAN
RESOLVED**
To elect Vince Williams as Chairman to the Play Areas and Open Space Committee
- 12 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
None
- 13 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
None
- 14 MINUTES
RESOLVED**
To accept and the sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 13th May 2019 as a true record.
- 15 PUBLIC RECESS**
No public wished to speak.
- 16 MATTERS ARISING (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**
(i) Minute 9 It was noted that Full Council had approved purchase of equipment for Groundsman
(ii) Minute 10(i) It was noted that Swindon Borough Council are looking into funding for the repairs to fencing at Eastbury Way and St Andrews Ridge. The Chairman reported that the broken fencing at Thornhill Drive had been removed.
- 17 POLLINATOR PATHWAY**
The Chairman reported that he, along with Cllr Blake, had met with the local resident helping with this project. The soil tests had shown the area at Diamond Jubilee Park was full of nutrients which is not suitable for yellow rattle so it was proposed to let proposed areas grow naturally. A draft map for approval will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 18 PLAY AREAS**
(i) The Chairman thanked everyone who helped at the Official Opening of Highdown Way Play area, reporting that it was an excellent event. Cllr Tomlinson added her thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chair for the extra hours they put in making sure the play area was finished.
(ii) Members discussed refurbishing Standen Way Play Area with play road markings for children to practice riding their bikes and scooters.
RESOLVED to recommend to the Finance Committee that a budget of £2000 is given for this project.
(ii) Members discussed current issues with play areas.
RESOLVED
To purchase the following parts for repairs to equipment and labour to fit:
a) Brook Park Agility Unit Ramp Panels £759.44

- | | | |
|----|--|---------|
| b) | Brook Park Junior Slide – Panel | £432.20 |
| c) | Warrener Close Multi Unit – New seat and cap | £562.26 |

RESOLVED

For Cllr Tomlinson to chase Swindon Borough Council for an answer on funding for Wallis Drive repairs and if no money available members approved for repairs as follows to be completed from Play Area budget:

- | | | |
|----|--|----------|
| a) | MUGA Repair Panels | £563.00 |
| b) | Pressure wash all equipment | £312.00 |
| c) | Paint all equipment | £984.00 |
| d) | Swings New seats and chains | £890.00 |
| e) | To recommend to the Finance committee that repairs are made to slide steps | £2564.00 |

- (iii) The clerk reported that Full Council had approved appointing a solicitor to assist with the play area lease.

19 OPEN SPACES

- (i) Cllr Adams reported that there was an issue with the height of bushes at Chartwell causing visibility problems. It was agreed to request that these are cut to 3ft high. Cllr Adams also reported a problem with open space near Lyall Close where the grass was reported to have been damaged. Clerk to seek advice.
- (ii) Members discussed issues at park on Abbotsbury Way. The Clerk reported that the paving blocks had now been repaired but the grass inside was very bare. It was agreed to request that this area is reseeded and hedges scheduled for a trim.
- (iii) It was noted that quotes were still outstanding for a new tree at Woodcutter Mews and new shrubs at Northbourne Road.

20 LITTERPICK EVENTS

Cllr Adams reported that the first of the litter picks had been well attended and he had received positive reports from residents.

RESOLVED

To hold two more events this year on the following dates:

Sunday 25th August - Groundwell, meet at Parish Council noticeboard on Carter Close

Sunday 29th September - Ashbrake – meet on Pennine Way

21 STREET FURNITURE

- (i) The Clerk reported that Street Furniture was not included as part of the Deed as most benches come under the Highways Team and any benches in the parks that needed either repair or replacement would be removed unless the Parish Council was willing to fund. It was agreed to survey all benches in the parish as follows:
 Daniel Adams – Redhouse and Eastbury Way
 Jean Blake – St Andrews Ridge
 Vince Williams – Abbey Meads and Groundwell
- (ii) **RESOLVED** to purchase 50 stickers for bins to show that they are dual purpose at £2 each.

The meeting closed at 3.58pm

Chairman _____

Date _____