



St Andrews Parish Council

DRAFT Minutes of the Play Areas and Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 11:00am at The Parish Office, Redhouse Community Centre, Frankel Avenue, Swindon

Councillors Present: Daniel Adams, Jean Blake, Vera Tomlinson and Vince Williams
Officers Present: Emma Sylvester (Clerk),
Public Present: None

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mary Friend

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

37 MINUTES RESOLVED

To accept and the sign the minutes of the last meeting held on 17th September 2019 as a true record.

38 PUBLIC RECESS

No public present

39 BUDGET

- (i) The Clerk updated the Committee stating that the draft budget includes an increase for Grounds Maintenance. The additional funds would be used for a HIT Team. The Clerk added that Swindon Borough Council were considering stopping the Streetsmart Services and was setting up a meeting with SBC to discuss the next steps. Cllr Williams added that he would work with the Clerk on drafting tender paperwork.
- (ii) Members discussed budget proposal for 2020/21 and agreed to leave this with Full Council.

40 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

- (i) The Chairman reported that the team were doing a good job on the hedge cutting at St Andrews Ridge. The planned road works on Salzgitter were discussed and it was agreed to defer a decision on shrub maintenance until this had been completed.
- (ii) Members discussed issues in the parish.

RESOLVED

To purchase a replacement tree for Woodcutter Mews at a cost of £140

To delegate decision on replacement shrubs at Mason's Road to Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk up to a maximum cost of £500

To repair bin at bridge over Thamesdown Drive at a cost of £92.00

41 PLAY AREAS

- (i) The Chairman reported that the line marking work completed at Standen Way Play Area had been well received and was being well used by residents. He also added that Full Council had approved repairs to Wallis Drive play area. The Chairman thanked Cllr Tomlinson for all her hard work in continuing to press Swindon Borough Council for a contribution towards the cost of repairs.
- (ii) Members discussed quotes received for additional work at Highdown Way Play Area.

RESOLVED

Line Markings on MUGA - £625.00

New Gate - £645.00

New handrail by steps - £398.00

- (iii) Members discussed play area faults

RESOLVED

To request 2 days labour from Swindon Borough Council to fix minor issues.

- (iv) Members discussed external annual play inspections

RESOLVED

To approve annual safety play area inspection at a cost of £540.00

- (v) The clerk reported that action from Swindon Borough Council was awaited to progress the play area leases.

42 LITTER PICK PROGRAMME

Members discussed litter in the parish and agreed that litter picking should be included in the service provided by the HIT Team. It was agreed to join in the annual Great British Spring Clean event.

43 BINS

Members discussed locations of bins in the parish and agreed to install two new bins. One along footpath opposite Blunsdon Arms and the

The meeting closed at 12.31pm

Chairman _____

Date _____