

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held on
Thursday 4 February 2021 at 7pm.

The meeting was held online via Zoom under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020

Present

Mrs Jo McKenzie – Chairman

Mr Dean Bailey

Mrs Tracey Buckenham

Mr Ray Gribble

Mrs Bridget Wright

In Attendance

Mr Greg Peck – Norfolk County Councillor – Reepham Division

Miss Jasmin Hague – Member Play Area Working Party

Mrs Patricia Kirby – Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present.

She advised the Declaration of Office for the Chairman of the Council had been signed.

68. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Pauline Brown - apologies received.
All other members in attendance.

69. Declarations of Interest & Dispensations

No declarations.
No requests for dispensations.

70. Public Participation

No attendees.

71. Letter from Play Area Working Party

The Chairman invited Miss Hague to address the meeting in respect of the submitted letter and of proposals being recommended to move ahead at this stage with installation of some of the identified equipment. The working group would then pursue further donations and grants using the evidence of starting the project as an incentive for future donators to support to completion.

She further advised of the possibility of a £500 member grant from District Councillor Bulman in April/May so fund could possibly be boosted at a later time.

The Clerk reminded members of outstanding information being pursued with Nplaw and in particular if the PC inherited the obligation having taken ownership of the area of land to provide for play equipment for the two areas in that parcel of land. The obligation had previously been with the village hall trust. Much discussion took place.

It was with agreement that albeit a response is required the need is for play provision and the PC now have the capacity to provide an element of this.

Further discussion took place in respect of insurance cost and the clerk was asked to obtain an indicative cost from the Council's insurer. Identification of how this cost would be funded to be a discussion once a response is received.

The Clerk advised that BDC planning officer had confirmed he would need a schedule and a plan to identify the locations of the play items to be installed in each of the play areas in order to confirm acceptance in writing.

The Chairman thanked Miss Hague and the working group for their hard work and time given to the cause. It was

RESOLVED

- To approve the submitted design and costs noting increases may be likely in the future for any equipment outside of the first installation phase.
- Permit the working group to select items from the design for installation depending on total funds available noting that there was a possibility that donations which are time sensitive may need to be returned.
- To provide BDC via the clerk with information or submissions to permit installation of the play equipment.
- To permit the working group to adjust the agreed design in order to gain BDC written acceptance of the scheme.
- To secure the quoted costs with Action Play & Leisure for phase one of the design in principle at a cost of £28162.07

At this point the Chairman took the opportunity to seek advice from Mr Peck in respect of the best approach to deal with persistent dog fouling in the village. Mr Peck advised this is a matter for BDC and he was aware of a team at the District which administers a scheme to spread the message that there is no excuse for failing to clear up after your pet. He would provide details.

It was with agreement to place an article in Wensum Diary in the first instance to act as a reminder to parishioners. The Chairman to take this forward.

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and closed the meeting at 7.40pm