

BINEGAR PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 7 August 2014 in the Playing Fields at 6 30 pm

Present: Richard Higgins (Chair), Philip Blatchford, Gus Halfhide, Phil Roberts (from 7.05pm), David Stone,

In attendance: Diane Abbott (Clerk), Mrs Val Blatchford, Mrs Jenny Eyre, Mrs Heather Wareham

1	<p>Apologies for absence It was RESOLVED to accept apologies from Roger Anderson and Cath Law</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of interests There were no disclosures of interest from Councillors</p>	
3	<p>Chair's announcements The Chair welcomed members of the Binegar Playing Fields Group (BPFPG) and gave an overview on the responsibility of the Parish Council for the BPFPG funds.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of the previous meetings It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the 1 July 2014 and the extraordinary meeting be considered for signing as a correct record at the next ordinary meeting</p>	
5	<p>Playground new apparatus and repairs 2014 The meeting received and considered a report from Richard.</p> <p>1. Seesaw The meeting considered quotations for a new safety surface. The cheapest quote was to supply but not install a surface. Since it could not be laid by a professional, the quotation was rejected. It was, therefore, RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Soft Surfaces Limited for £1,980 plus VAT.</p> <p>2. Swings Since the playground's wooden apparatus had been susceptible to decay, it was agreed that any replacement timber should be tanalised and carry a warranty. The meeting received details of timber suppliers and prices noting Valley Sawmills and Charlton's Timber were cheapest and similarly priced. It was RESOLVED to authorise up to £250.00 expenditure on timber for a frame from the supplier offering best value.</p> <p>3. Large multiplay Philip reported his concerns regarding the stability of the multiplay, highlighting specific areas of decay and movement. Following discussion, the plan to replace the majority of the structure was agreed and it was RESOLVED to authorise up to £500 expenditure on timber and sundries.</p> <p>In light of Philip's report, the meeting conducted an assessment of risk. It noted that the apparatus had scored as low risk in the June Annual Safety Assessment. With each vertical pole robustly supported by cross members, it was agreed there was no risk of collapse. However, parts of the structure moved with lateral force. Philip stated that he proposed bracing the uprights to reduce such movement. He continued that rebuilding was planned</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>

	<p>from September 2014. In light of the risk assessment, the meeting agreed that the structure did not present a hazard for which further action was required for the period before it was to be renovated. It was also agreed that close weekly inspection be undertaken to monitor the situation.</p> <p>It was agreed to delegate authority to take any emergency action in the interim to Philip with the agreement secured of any two other Councillors.</p> <p>In light of the rather damp conditions of the area, it was proposed that the apparatus be repositioned on its safety surface with the main structure further from the perimeter trees.</p> <p>4. Small multiplay and slide The meeting noted that decay on the timber of this multiplay was confined to the top of one post. It was agreed that repairs to the small multiplay and slide steps be considered at a later date but that the condition of the timbers continued to be monitored.</p> <p>5. Warranty David asked that arrangements be made to identify the timber used so that its provenance was clear and there would be no disputes should a claim arise.</p> <p>6. Administration It was agreed that the Clerk would place an official order for the seesaw soft surface with either the soft surface supplier or BigWood Play Systems, as advised by Philip. It was also agreed that orders for the timber would be placed by BigWood or Philip, each being able to obtain discount prices, depending on the supplier selected.</p> <p>7. Thank you The Chair thanked Binegar Playing Field Group members for attending the meeting.</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>PB</p> <p>DA</p> <p>PB</p>
6	<p>Date and time of next meeting It was agreed to meet at Binegar Memorial Hall on 2 September at 7 30 pm.</p>	

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.43 pm.