

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF
THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 20:00 Virtually Via Zoom**

Present: Cllr R Frost, Cllr B Anderson, Cllr C Shepherd, Cllr B Hopkins, Cllr C Hipkin, & Cllr A Bubb

In Attendance The Clerk

332 Apologies

It was resolved to accept apologies from Cllr S Osborn.

333 Declarations of Interest

None received.

334 Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on the 2 March 2020. It was resolved for the minutes to be signed by the Chair as a true record when it is safe to do so.

Councillors were concerned that Items like Tree Warden and The Warren were not on the agenda and did not want them forgotten. The Clerk advised that she was told that this agenda was only to look at two items regarding the playground and the War Memorial Gardens. The other items would be addressed at the next Full Environment Meeting.

335 Recreation Area

a) Rospa Playground Inspection

The Clerk had previously sent round the inspection report. Cllr Shepherd advised at there were no red marks that required immediate attention. The Clerk had gone through the report and had priced up the caps that were missing and new swing pieces and they came to £243.44 including carriage and VAT. Cllr Bubb advised that he would be able to collect before the end of the month. **It was resolved for the Clerk to place the order for Cllr Bubb to collect.**

The Clerk advised that this just left one piece of equipment that might need some attention which was the zip wire. The Inspector said that he was unable to check as a sealed unit and suggested that rope etc needed to be checked. The Clerk had asked Playdale regarding this. They had advised that Clerk that if the Pulley and seat ride correctly which they must do or the Inspector would have made comment, and a visual inspection of the pulley and rope etc did not show any wear then the sealed parts did not need to be touched. The Clerk was given a measurement of 950mm if the seat if below that when unseated in the middle of the rope then it might need re-tensioning. This can be achieved locally. The Clerk agreed to check.

b) Re-Opening of the Playground.

Cllr Shepherd advised that she had sent round some papers regarding re-opening of the playground that she had produced using the advice that it currently available along with the Government Advice. Cllr Bubb advised that the Borough Council playgrounds were to remain closed apart from The Walks where an attendant was available. Cllr Shepherd advised that there was a firm in Norwich who were offering a deep clean. **It was resolved for the Cllr Shepherd to get the details to the Clerk and for her to obtain the information.**

The Clerk advised that there were two suggestions amongst Parish Council at the moment and it was either to remain closed until better guidance from Government/Nalc is received which is relevant to Parish Council or some Councils are opening up their playgrounds and advising with notices that the playground is open. Please keep to social distancing rules, one family per piece of equipment, and sanitise your children's hands or equipment to your own requirements. The Council cannot be held responsible for cross infection of Covid 19.

Cllr Shepherd advised that the play companies are offering hand sanitiser dispensers that are a mist and are alcohol free. The Playground would have to be checked regularly because the sanitiser could run out or the batteries running would run out of charge depending on use. The sanitisers range from £500 to £3200 there might be a grant but everyone is going to be wanting sanitisers so grants might not be available.

It was resolved for the Clerk to check the situation out regarding a clean with the Cleaning Company and to undertake a Covid 19 Risk Assessment with the Communications Officer.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC To consider passing the following resolution: "That by virtue of the provisions of Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded during discussion of the following business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

336 War Memorial Gardens

After discussion **It was resolved for the Clerk to place the order with Prestige Gardens and advise that the work needed to be completed for VJ Day on the 15th August.**

337 Correspondence –

The Clerk advised that paperwork had been received for the Parish Partnership Scheme and did anyone have any projects they felt could be achieved under the scheme.

Cllr Bubb advised that a Trod from Pleasants Cottage to Heath Road so that no one had to walk in the road would be a good suggestion.

338 Items for inclusion at next Meeting

Parish Partnership Scheme
Playground Covid Risk Assessment

339 Date, time and venue of next meeting

20 July 2020 at 6.30pm Virtually via Zoom

With no further business the meeting was closed at 20:37pm.