

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

*Serving the villages of Gomshall,
Holmbury St. Mary, Peaslake and Shere*

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PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7th September 2010 at 7.15 p.m. in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall

Present: Committee Members: Councillors R. Andrews, C. Brooke (ex officio and late arrival), S. Neilson, J. Tenner, R. Newman (ex officio).

Election of Chairman: As not all members of the Committee were present it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Newman be appointed Chairman for this meeting. The election of a Chairman for the remainder of the year was postponed until all Members were present.

Apologies for absence – no apologies had been received.

Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests – none declared at this stage of the meeting.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2009 were approved and signed as a correct record.

Short adjournment to enable the Public to raise any issue relating to an item on the agenda – no members of the public were present at the meeting.

Financial Report – The Committee **RECEIVED AND ACCEPTED** a report from the Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk (copy attached).

Precept 2011/12 – it was unanimously **AGREED** that a request be made to the Parish Council for a minimum of £6,000 for Playground projects and £6,000 for Playground Maintenance.

Projects 2010/11 – following a budget increase of £5,600 (see Parish Council Minutes 3.9.2010) and a grant of £,5000 from the Rural Access to Services Programme the Committee **AGREED** to place **ORDERS** immediately for the following:

- Holmbury St. Mary play area: removal of bark and edging boards £600 G. Rapley, installation of wetpour safety surfacing £7,210.78 Playground Facilities.
- Peaslake play area: removal of bark and edging boards £800 G. Rapley, installation of wetpour safety surfacing and grass matting £21,568.46 Playground Facilities. It was **AGREED** that Playground Facilities had been chosen by the Playground Committee as their preferred supplier of wetpour following the tendering process carried out for the Gomshall play areas as they had submitted by far the lowest quote. For details of grant aid to be claimed please see attached finance report.

Annual Playground Inspection by Rospa – the annual report had been circulated to all members of the Committee. The Clerk confirmed that the Council's contractor had checked all swing chains and confirmed that there was less than 40% wear. In addition all bearings

had been treated. The problem with sharp wood splinters in the bark surfaces at Peaslake will be solved when replacement wetpour is installed although an attempt had been made to remove the largest ones. Swing seats will be cleaned.

Also agreed at the last meeting in November 2009:

It is not feasible to remove the central pivot above the swings in the Holmbury St. Mary play area as this is welded on.

The height of the swings in all play areas will remain the same for the time being.

Shere swing – damaged weld – pivot pins installed, situation to be monitored by Clerk, Contractor and Committee Members.

Other Playground Problems

Letter received from a local resident requesting a barrier around the aerial runway platform. Rospa inspector consulted who stated that barrier should be on three sides if erected. Upright posts must be close fenced or with a gap between them of no more than 89 mm and no more than 1 metre high. Most importantly the structure must be absolutely solid and well built to prevent collapsing if someone leans on it as any insurance claim would be against the Parish Council rather than any manufacturer of the equipment. The Committee **DECIDED** not to install a barrier.

Request for the installation of skateboard equipment received from a young resident of Gomshall – **DECLINED** with regret as the Council has no suitable land in the village.

The consideration of a request for the provision of goal posts, Peaslake – **DECLINED** due to health and safety considerations.

Aerial runway, Gomshall – considerable work required to prevent support poles lifting out of the ground – the Committee **ACCEPTED** an estimate of £600 from Mr. G. Rapley. The repair of the two mobiles in the Shere play area – an estimate of £519.72 from Wicksteed was **ACCEPTED**.

Tower Hill Play Area – the Committee **AUTHORISED** the purchase of more bark.

Dr. Brooke arrived and apologised for her lateness. Dr. Brooke declared a personal interest in the Shere play area stating that she was the Chairman of Shere Village Nursery who use this play area.

Risk Assessment – the Committee reviewed the playground risk assessment and **AGREED** that this be **ACCEPTED** once a section has been included stating that the Contractor has supplied his own risk assessment.

Councillors' Business

Goose Green Football Pavilion – Mr Newman to **EXAMINE** the pavilion prior to the Council considering the issuing of a new lease. He will also **EXAMINE** the goal posts on the site and make a recommendation regarding these. **Holmbury St. Mary** extra equipment – **NEXT AGENDA**. **Tower Hill Play Area** – possible new surfacing – **NEXT AGENDA**.

Election of Chairman – Dr Brooke was proposed by Mr Newman, seconded by Mr. Andrews and unanimously **APPOINTED** Chairman of the Playground Committee.

All expenditure – Expenditure Power - Public Health Act 1875 s.164

Date of next meeting: to be arranged. **The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.**