

## SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Playground Committee Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. on 14 January 2013

**Present:** Candace Brooke (Chairman of the Playground Committee), Bob Andrews and Brian Cohen, 7 members of the public and the Clerk, Joy Millett.

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of Roger Newman and John Tenner. The vacancy caused by the resignation of Sally Nielson was noted.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests – NO DECLARATIONS** of interest were made.

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 4 July 2012 were **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a correct record.

**Financial Report** – The Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer **INFORMED** the Committee of the Parish Council's current financial position:

<u>For 2012/13:</u>	£
Playground projects (held in earmarked reserves)	12,862
Playground maintenance	14,400
Contingency	5,700
Grant Aid (match-funded and to be used by 31.03.13.)	<u>5,000</u>
	<u>37,962</u>

<u>For 2013/14:</u>	£
Playground projects	5,000
Playground maintenance	<u>6,000</u>
	11,000
Allocated Grant Aid for skate ramp (for scheme costing £20,000 (use by 31.03.14.) 50% up to £10,000, 10% thereafter)	<u>5,883</u>
	<u>16,883</u>

Note: there was also a possibility of the Parish Council receiving £20,000 from Section 106 during 2013/14

#### **Goose Green:**

#### Options for the replacement of the cross scales in the Millennium Play Area

The Chairman reported that the cross scales equipment was reaching the end of its useable life. It was noted that there was £5,000 of grant-aid available for this project, which had to be match-funded by the Parish Council, and that the Parish Council had to be invoiced by the supplier by 31 March 2013 in order to get the grant.

She and the Chairman had met with various suppliers to investigate a suitable replacement piece of equipment and she presented pictures and details of some of these. She had also met with the local scouts and guides to get their opinions on possible equipment.

It was **AGREED** that the cross scales be taken out and that a delegated decision be taken by Candace Brooke and Bob Andrews on the choice of new equipment.

#### Clubs' use of Goose Green

It was noted that the pavilion was being used by the Scouts who were also carrying out maintenance work. The Holmbury and Westcott youth teams were planning to use pitches on Goose Green, storing equipment in part of the pavilion not used by the Scouts. The Clerk was still awaiting sight of their risk assessments and insurance documents

#### Clearance of paths through woodland on Goose Green

It was noted that Graham Rapley would be asked to clear nettles and brambles from the paths in the woodland adjacent to the Millennium Play Area on Goose Green.

#### **Short adjournment to enable the Public to raise any issue relating to an item on the agenda.**

A member of the public requested that the Parish Council send a note to organisers of events to be held on Goose Green, stating that participants should not park on the Green.

Following discussion of tree climbing, at the last meeting, it was noted that the Parish Council had taken the advice of RoSPA – they were of the opinion that no action was necessary regarding the tree in question, although a few of the lower branches could be taken off to deter children if tree climbing became a particular problem.

#### **The meeting restarted.**

#### **Correspondence**

##### Offer from a local resident to clear part of Tower Hill playing field for a BMX bike track

#### **Short adjournment to enable the Public to raise any issue relating to an item on the agenda.**

The local resident outlined his proposal. He had spoken to 12 to 15 year old local people who fully supported the idea of a BMX track. He said that other people were happy to help with this project. Another resident raised concerns about the safety of the access onto Burrows Lane.

#### **The meeting restarted.**

The Chairman thanked the resident for his offer. The Committee agreed to discuss the proposal further and highlighted the need to:

- consult with the police and possibly RoSPA about the safety of this site
- inspect the boundary with Burrows Lane to address any safety concerns

- consider who would maintain the site/facility
- consider insurance
- consider protocol for acceptance of a gift to the Parish Council and implications

To receive any other correspondence after the agenda was printed

None had been received other than information from suppliers on the detail of possible playground equipment for the Millennium Play area (see above)

**Date of the next meeting:** Monday, 4 February 2013, subject to the availability of other Councillors not present at this meeting.