

# 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 Wednesday 4th November 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall**

**Present:** Committee Members: Dr. C. Brooke (Chairman), Mr. R. Andrews, Mrs. S. Neilson, Mr. J. Tenner, R. Newman (ex officio).

**Election of Chairman:** Dr. Brooke was proposed by Mr Newman, seconded by Mr Andrews and unanimously elected Chairman.

**Apologies for absence** – all the Committee members were present at the meeting.

**Declarations of Personal or Prejudicial interests** – Dr. Brooke stated that she was the Chairman of Shere Village Nursery who use the play area in Shere.

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008 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 a report from the Responsible Financial Officer/Clerk (copy attached). It was **AGREED** that, for asset register purposes, playground equipment be devalued at 5% per annum until further notice.

**Annual Playground Inspection by Rospa** – the annual report was considered. It was **AGREED** that no further work, other than that already done, would be carried out. In addition it was **AGREED** that:

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

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

The uneven ground levels in Peaslake will remain pending consideration of the installation of wetpour safety surfacing.

Shere swing – damaged weld – pivot pins installed, situation to be monitored.

### **Other Playground Problems**

Letter received from a local resident requesting a barrier around the aerial runway platform – the **ADVICE** of Rospa to be sought.

Request for the installation of skateboard equipment – **SUGGESTION** to be made that an approach be made by the youngsters to the Peaslake Recreation Ground Committee as the Council has no suitable land in the village.

Letter from Shere Village Hall Committee requesting permission to raise the height of the fence adjacent to the hall to prevent children climbing on the hall roof – **GRANTED.**

The provision of goal posts, Peaslake – to be considered if a request is received.

**Risk Assessment** – the Committee reviewed the playground risk assessment and **AGREED** that this be renewed with no amendments.

**Precept 2010/11** – it was unanimously **AGREED** that a request be made to the Parish Council for £6,000 for Playground projects (i.e. to install wetpour safety surfacing in part of the Peaslake play area) and £6,000 for Playground Maintenance. The Clerk will also seek a grant from the Rural Access to Services Programme.

**Exclusion of the Public and Press (Public Bodies Admission to meetings Act 1960)** – consideration of tenders.

### **Shere Play Area**

The Committee **AGREED** to accept the tender received from Playground Facilities for the installation of wetpour safety surfacing in Shere plus grass matting under the mobiles in Shere and Gomshall at a cost of £14,114. It was noted that this company had been chosen by the Playground Committee as their preferred supplier of wetpour following the tendering process carried out last year for the Gomshall play area as they had submitted by far the lowest quote. The Committee also **APPROVED** an additional cost of £400 to be charged by G. Rapley for the removal of the existing bark pits. (Expenditure power for both orders Public Health Act 1875 s. 164). A site meeting will be sought prior to the wetpour being installed.

**Peaslake Play Area** – the Committee **DECIDED** to seek an estimate from Playground Facilities for the installation of wetpour in the Peaslake Play Area in the hope that some, or all, of the work can be carried out.

**Date of next meeting:** to be arranged.

**The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.**