



Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 27th July 2020 at 7.30 pm

This meeting was held by consultation over a conference call with the councillors. The government legislation to reduce the spread of Covid 19 does not allow a normal meeting to take place. Security concerns had been raised over the use of some visual conferencing applications.

Present via phone:

**Cllr Wilson
Cllr Bunker
Cllr Field
Cllr Gardner
Cllr Billing
Cllr Hawkins
Cllr Goss
Cllr Wells**

Clerk - Viv Hartley

None of the public was present

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – none
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS** – members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any items under consideration at this meeting.

None was declared.

3. COUNCIL TO AGREE ON COSTINGS FOR REPAIRS TO PLAY EQUIPMENT AT EASTFIELD FURTHER TO ANNUAL INSPECTION WHICH TOOK PLACE DURING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS AND THE REOPENING OF THE PLAY AREA ON 12TH JULY.

The Inspection report from Wicksteed which took place on 3rd June and the quotes for repairs by 2 further suppliers who had visited the site with the Chairman had been circulated to the councillors.

Extract from Inspection Report:

'Multi-play Unit Kompan - Generally satisfactory but wood rot evident within both platform panels, recommend these are replaced within 12 months

Signed-----

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Split evident at the slide chute start section, further deterioration could create entrapment or snagging hazards, recommend the chute assembly is replaced’.

These items were reported as Medium risk – *Items require appropriate action within resources and individual site assessment. The equipment should be safe for use, but you must consider this in relation to your detailed knowledge of the site.*

After discussion it was agreed by the those present that the repairs should be carried out to satisfy the Council insurance requirements and to satisfy the Annual safety inspection report from Wicksteed Leisure. The costings were considered. The Council also discussed the replacement of the safety surfacing under the swings – Wicksteed had stated *that ultimately new surfacing should be considered.*

The Clerk stated that the PC would not be acting lawfully to agree to purchase the safety surfacing at this meeting as their condition was not considered by Wicksteed to be in need of immediate replacement. She advised that Council that safety surfacing was an expensive component of play equipment.

It was agreed that rubber mulch was not the desired surface and that the Chairman would obtain quotes for tiles in time for the next meeting.

These costings would be discussed at the next Council meeting on 3rd August and then the supplier for the repair work will also be agreed.

It was also agreed that some maintenance work would be carried out on the wooden equipment removal of lichen etc.

4. CLOSURE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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