

PIRBRIGHT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held in the Green Hut Meeting Room on Wednesday 17 August 2016 at 7.30 pm.

Members present: Cllr Nevins (Chairman), Cllr Eason, Cllr Fidgett, Cllr Hallam & Cllr Richmond.

In attendance: L. Graham (Clerk)

1. **FORMALITIES**

To Receive Members' Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hobbs & Cllr Newman

2. **To Receive Members' Declarations of Interest on Any Agenda Item below**

None.

3. **BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

To Discuss the Roundabout in the Children's Playground and either:

a) agree the cost to repair the vandalised section now and do the other sections in due course or

b) decide to replace all the remaining sections now, as recommended by the manufacturer

3:1 Following the safety inspection of the equipment in the children's playground carried out in July, it was reported that one main section and two outer footboards of the roundabout were showing signs of extreme wear and should be replaced.¹ Photographs were taken of the roundabout and sent to the manufacturer so they could provide a quote for the work, which was carried out later in the month². However, within a matter of days of the repair, another inner triangular floorboard was found to have been vandalised and the roundabout had to be taped off and taken out of use again. [The Clerk had sought assurance from the insurance company that the Parish Council would not be held liable if the warning notices & tape were ignored and a child was injured attempting to use the roundabout during the period when it was out of use.]

3:2 In the meantime, advice had been received from the manufacturer that the remaining floorboard sections of the roundabout would need to be replaced in the next few months and sent a quote for this work. The Clerk subsequently requested an estimate for repair of the vandalised section and checked with the insurance company whether it would be possible to claim for the cost.

DECISION 1: Members agreed not to claim against the insurance policy for the replacement of the vandalised floorboard because the excess figure for this type of incident is £250.

DECISION 2: It was agreed unanimously to take the manufacturer's advice and replace the remaining sections.

3:3 Members discussed the condition of the playground and agreed that it would benefit from some refurbishment. GBC had advised the Clerk that the S.106 money from the Old Forge development could be used for this purpose and had suggested that safety surfacing would be an aspect to consider.

ACTION: the Clerk will obtain estimates for rubberised soft pour surfacing.

The meeting closed at 7.43pm.

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¹ Reported to the Parish Council at the July meeting

² Under the Parish Council's Financial Regulations, the Clerk has delegated power to accept quotes for urgent work to a limit of £1000.