

**CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PLAY LEISURE AND WELFARE COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015 at 7.00PM AT CLAYTON GREEN LIBRARY**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Cross (Chairman)  
Councillor R Boyd  
Councillor G Charlesworth  
Councillor A Cullens  
Councillor E Whiteford

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mrs TD Morris (Clerk)

<b>15.01 APOLOGIES</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<p>Apologies were received and accepted by Councillors J Cronshaw, M Mayson and C Bromilow.</p>	
<b>15.02 DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	
<p>There was no declaration of interest.</p>	
<b>15.03 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN</b>	
<p>After deliberation Councillor S Cross was appointed as Chairman of the Committee for a period of one year</p>	
<b>15.04 REVIEW OF PLAY AREA REPORTS</b>	
<p>The Clerk advised that there were no outstanding issues on the play areas with the exception of Gough Lane. It was stated that due to ongoing vandalism issues that a substantial amount of parish funds had been spent on this particular play area.</p>	
<p>The two weekly reports were scrutinised by the committee. It was noted that equipment owned by Chorley Council were included within the reports. This error would be rectified.</p>	Clerk
<p>It was requested that Chorley Council review all the pieces of play equipment at Gough Lane and remove any defective equipment immediately.</p>	Clerk

The committee considered proposing that the whole play area be removed and left as open space; however it was noted that the junior play area was well used by the community during the day.

It was agreed that the existing play areas were tired and some were at the end of their natural life and needed replacing. This would require a significant level of investment.

The following plan of action was suggested:

- 5 year plan for renewal/repair/maintenance of all play areas
- Chorley Council to conduct thorough surveys of all play areas indicating renewal versus replacement costs
- Gough lane Health and Safety issues to be repaired immediately
- Sean Blake/Robert Webster to report on play area inspection contract for 2015/16
- Seating within the Gough Lane play area required

Clerk

#### **15.05 FUTURE PROPOSALS**

Councillor A Cullens informed the committee that community infrastructure funding will become available to the parish council in the near future which could provide the basis for funding major parish projects.

- There could also be the possibility for like for like funding via the grants system.
- Also there would be discussion regarding the annual precept levy in January 2016.
- It was noted that CCTV had been installed in Clayton Brook and maybe this could be re-sited or extended to provide better security for the Gough lane play area.
- The committee also discussed the provision of better subsidiary lighting in the general area.

#### **15.06 TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Clerk advised the meeting that all the committees would have a terms of reference drawn up shortly for consideration and adoption.

#### **15.07 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that a raft of dates would be proposed at the next full council meeting.