

CLAYTON-LE-WOODS PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLAY LEISURE AND WELFARE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 26TH AUGUST 2021 AT 7.30PM
VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillor Ms C Bromilow (Chair)
Councillor Mrs G Charlesworth
Councillor Mrs S Edwards-Williams
Councillor Mrs G Ormston

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Mr S Maddock
Mrs T Morris (Clerk)

21.13 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

After due consideration Councillor C Bromilow was duly elected as Chairman for 2021/22 until the next Annual General Meeting.

21.14 APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed the members to the meeting. Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor J Cronshaw and Councillor D Dowrick

21.15 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor C Bromilow declared an interest as a Trustee of Cuerden Valley Trust Cafe.

21.16 APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED 9th FEBRUARY 2021

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021.

21.17 MATTERS ARISING

21.04.1 Great Greens Play Area

Minor repairs outstanding on old equipment were in hand and there were no health and safety issues. Graffiti had been reported and cleaned.

21.04.3 Meadow Bank Infant Play Area

Redecoration and repairs of the play area had been completed in Summer 2020 and a new safety sign had been installed this Summer.

ACTION



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21.05 Bowling Green Correspondence

The Clerk informed the Members that there had been no issues during the Summer Season. She would be in contact with the Green Keeper in the next few weeks to discuss the Winter work/maintenance.

21.06 Future Proofing Play Area Maintenance/Replacement

It was noted that a report had been issued which calculated that over the next 20 years some £15,000 would have to be ringfenced annually to cover the eventual replacement of the play area equipment.

It was proposed that a minimum of £20,000 be held in reserve to pay for any individual failed equipment in the next couple of years. This will be tabled for consideration at the next FPC meeting.

FPC

21.09 Summer Fair Update

It was noted that the date for the Summer Fair 2022 was Saturday 25th June 2022. The plans for next year would be tabled at the next Play, Leisure and Welfare Committee meeting.

MC/PO

21.11 Clayton Cup 2021/22

The Clerk reported that the Heads did not wish to participate in a virtual Clayton Cup this year. They wished to hold the traditional Clayton Cup in 2022 if the Covid-19 restrictions allow for it.

21.18 ANNUAL REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Members reviewed the Terms of Reference and no changes were made except for the membership. This would be tabled for approval at the next FPC meeting.

FPC

21.19 CUNNERY MEADOW PLAY AREA ARSON/INSURANCE UPDATE

It was reported that there was an arson attack at Cunnery Meadow play area on the May Day Bank Holiday 2021. The incident had been reported to the police and the fire brigade were called out to put the fire out. The insurance company were informed of the incident and a claim was in progress. The equipment was boarded and fenced off in order to keep the residents safe.

The Clerk would now go ahead with the insurance claim and get the new slide ordered. It was noted that the replacement slide



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will be made out of metal and would be straight instead of a carousel due to the threat of a repeat of the arson incident.

The Clerk wished to thank Councillor Steve Maddock for all his support regarding keeping an eye on the site and reporting any ongoing incidents.

MUGA Lights

Lancashire County Council had issued a notice of unlawfulness regarding the MUGA lights electricity supply and the recently installed footpath lights. This meant that the CCTV installation was now on indefinite hold.

The Members would be informed of the current position at the next FPC meeting in September 2021.

FPC

21.20 SCARECROW FESTIVAL DEBRIEF/ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2022

The Committee were provided with a briefing paper prior to the meeting.

The following additional things were noted:

- The date for next year was proposed as week beginning Monday 26th September 2022
- Publicity/contact with organisations and residents to begin as soon as possible starting with the Winter newsletter, social media input and informing the Chorley Council Events Programme
- The banners should be more generic and reusable with a section where the date(s) and years can be overlayed. It was proposed that the banners could be placed in more locations.
- A small winners cup can be purchased and engraved for around £20.00.
- A "Build a Scarecrow Workshop" could be held in the new office in partnership with Cuerden Valley.

It was requested that the Clerk draw up the timetable for next year for consideration at the next FPC meeting.

Clerk

21.21 CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS 2021

1.OAP Christmas Lunch 2021

There was a discussion regarding holding the OAP lunch this year. The first option would be to hold an event with reduced capacity in the biggest space available or to cancel the event for



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this year to the uncertain future of Covid-19 in the coming months.

It was requested that the Clerk find out the approximate costs involved.

It was agreed that two options be tabled to the FPC.

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2.Christmas Tree Switch On Event

The Clerk confirmed that the Christmas tree had been ordered and that there had been a site meeting regarding the installation of the lights.

A report had been drafted regarding holding the event around the Christmas tree only or going for refreshments outside a local pub.

It was noted that the Parish Council were too late to apply for the appropriate licences for an event around the Christmas tree. Also there were reservations regarding the closure of Preston Road and the inconvenience for the neighbouring residents.

It was agreed that Cllrs C Bromilow, S Edwards-Williams and the Clerk would arrange to visit the local pub to discuss the options available and the costs involved.

The proposals would be tabled at the next FPC meeting

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21.22 SKATE PARK DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

It was reported that the costs for the renewal of a retro skate park would be in the region of £100,000. The available CIL funds stood at around £15,000 at the present time. Even with matched external funding/grants there would be insufficient funds at the present time for the development to go ahead. So the project would be held in abeyance at the present time.

The Members were informed that the Parish Council still had the bi-monthly play inspections and the annual independent inspections which have all been actioned and extensive work had been undertaken at the skate park which has elongated its life.

The Clerk would contact Chorley Council to find out the latest status of the skate park development at Great Greens Lane.

Clerk

21.23 NEXT MEETING

The date for the next meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

Clerk