

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of the Town Hall and Facilities Committee held in the Town Hall, Malmesbury, on Thursday 23rd November 2017

Present: Councillors C Burke, C Doody, P Exton, G Grant (Vice-Chair), W Jones, P Newman, F Vandelli

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor J Exton. Councillor Grant chaired the meeting in her absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

4. FILANDS PLAY AREA

Consideration was given to Report No.1 which presented the recommendations of the Filands Play Area Working Group and asked the Committee to consider how available Section 106 funds should be spent and how improvements to the play area might be funded.

Issues discussed included:

- Wiltshire Council's approach to the transfer of assets;
- The plan, drawn up by residents in 2013 for a new path, fencing, play equipment, a new entrance, goal post etc;
- That the local residents on the Working Group had prioritised a path around the open space and fencing around the play area;
- That quotes for the path, if produced to the same criteria, would likely use up the entirety of the Section 106 funds;
- The possibility of applying for an Area Board Grant to part finance the fencing;
- That replacing/maintaining the play equipment will entail significant cost over the lifetime of the lease;
- Whether the proposed entrance is in the correct place; and
- If local residents form a community group, they will be able to apply for funding from sources not available to the Town Council.

Resolved:

- 1) To support the recommendation of the Working Group by agreeing to pursue the construction of a path in the open space. **J Whittleton** to inform the Estates Surveyor at Wiltshire Council of the Town Council's decision, enquiring about the process for obtaining a licence and criteria to enable updated quotes to be secured.
- 2) **Councillor Grant** to explore with Wiltshire Council's Planning Department the issue of a new entrance to the park.

- 3) **Councillor Grant** to enquire of the Community Engagement Manager the process and criteria for applying for an Area Board Grant to part-finance the construction of a fence around the play area.
- 4) To examine the Town Hall & Facilities budget at the next meeting in order to determine whether there are unspent funds that could be allocated towards the fencing. If such funds are identified, to ask the Policy & Resources Committee for consent to reallocate these funds accordingly.
- 5) To provide an assessment of the Newton Grove Play Area (including inspection findings and potential maintenance costs) for the next Committee meeting. **J Whittleton**

Meeting closed at 7.36pm