



SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Sandown Town Council held on Monday 8th January at 7.00pm in the Onward Business Hub, College Rd, Sandown, Isle of Wight.

Present: Mayor Cllr Patel, Cllrs: Young, Cllr Mereweather, Cllr Cowley, Cllr Brading, Cllr Andre, Cllr Lawson, Cllr Dupré, Cllr Humby, Cllr Teasdale and Cllr Ward

In attendance: Tina Bailey Town Clerk

Members of public: 24

Concerns were raised as a rumour had circulated that the playground was to be permanently closed. It was acknowledged that conclusions were being jumped to, before the full facts were known.

The Clerk explained that that following the Inspector's report, the decision to shut the playground as a safety measure, was taken at the end of another meeting and this was unfortunate that it coincided with the Christmas period. This was the first convened meeting for the council to discuss all the issues raised in the report and decide how to take the matter forward.

The Town Council is committed to reopening the playground by undertaking repair and/or replacement as necessary and would involve children in Sandown, in the choice of selection of any new equipment.

1600/18 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence
None

1601/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

- 1 To receive any declarations of pecuniary and non -pecuniary interests
None
- 2 To receive and consider granting any written requests for dispensations.
None

1602/18 TO DISCUSS THE PLAYGROUNDS INSPECTION REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

The inspection report and recommendations were noted. The council were provided with a letter from a local engineering company, who has offered free help with the repairs in the playground and help lay rubber tile surfacing.

The Clerk advised that this offer would have to be discussed with both the Inspector and the Town Council's insurance company to ensure full compliance of all criteria and regulations. In accordance with Council rules, quotes for work including the safety surface need to be obtained and a breakdown of reserves was provided.

The Council confirmed that putting money into the playgrounds is a priority..

Proposed

That £30,000 contingency is earmarked as a priority towards the Stephen Jenkins playground. Estimates for repairs will be obtained for the Council's consideration of the facts and figures.

RESOLVED

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1603/18 PRE - BUDGET DISCUSSION

To resolve to suspend Standing Orders, to allow a free discussion to review the previous year's expenditure and suggested future expenses with up to one hour allocated for discussion.

RESOLVED

That Standing Orders are suspended to allow free discussion

The Clerk advised that full breakdown of costs would be provided with the budget. Discussions took place but were dominated by the issue of replacement toilets.

1604/18 TO RESOLVE TO RETURN TO STANDING ORDERS.

RESOLVED

That Standing Orders were applied.

1605/18 TO AGREE ANY DECISIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRESENTED BUDGET MEETING

There was no agreement for any new items to be added to the budget for discussion.

1606/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Town Council meeting to be held on 15th January 2018
Meeting to discuss and set the budget on 29th January 2018.

MAYOR
19th February 2018