

**MILTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL
PLAYPARK COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Playpark Committee held on 27th April 2022
At the Play Park, Milton Abbas at 7.00pm

PRESENT

Mr G. Bridle (Acting Chair)
Mr S. Gould

Mrs J. Cooper
Mr T. Ives

IN ATTENDANCE Mrs E. Sellen (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Mrs L. Perry-Warnes, Mrs S. Woodhouse

2. DISPENSATIONS None

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2022 had been circulated. It was proposed by JC, seconded by TI and unanimously agreed by those who had attended the previous meeting, that they should be accepted as a true record.

4. MATTERS ARISING

SG advised that if the Committee wished to hold another Halloween event, Mr & Mrs S. Campbell had offered the use of their woodland as a setting.

Mrs F. Robinson dropped in to point out that there would be a Millennium Green tidy up on 21/05/2022 ahead of the Jubilee celebrations and requested support from the Play Park Committee.

5. PLAYPARK INSPECTION SUMMARY

Following receipt of the Play Inspection Company report, and bearing in mind the findings of the previous report from Elite Playground Inspections, the committee carried out a walk around inspection reviewing the issues highlighted.

With respect to the apparent subsidence below the Captain Mannering installation, the Committee consider that there are four potential resolutions;

- a) Clear and level the site, disposing of the structure
- b) Build up the ground below the central supports to raise the structure to it's original position*
- c) Move the structure to a more level plot within the park
- d) Leave the installation as is and monitor any deterioration.

*Two quotes received from Sovereign at £16,126.00 and £6,342.12 (lesser bark repair).

Since the Sovereign repairs are not guaranteed to prevent a reoccurrence, it was agreed to investigate alternative repair solutions, but since the Play Inspection Company had not considered the subsidence to be a risk to users, the equipment would be left open for use in the meantime.

Various shackles require attention. The Clerk to investigate whether this must be carried out by a company or whether volunteer maintenance is acceptable.

Clerk to investigate whether Elite checked the tensioning on the Zip Wire.

TI agreed to replace rotten slats on picnic bench.

The inspection report highlighted many points where the concrete substructure is protruding from the soil. It was considered likely that grounds maintenance methods are contributing to the issue. Clerk to contact the Landscaper to consider whether timbers should be sleeved to facilitate strimming instead of weed killing around equipment.

Clerk to contact Electricity board re hole in fence around area of substation.

Clerk to contact the landscaper re height of trees and hedge down the footpath and a repair to the chain link fence.

6. FINANCE

Adjusted funds on hand are £13,820. FR confirmed that tattoos and facepainting for the Jubilee would be covered by the Jubilee fund.

7. FUNDRAISING

The sports field would be an ideal location; Clerk to investigate potential for toilet repairs.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS None

9. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting would be after the Jubilee. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed:

(Presiding Chairman)

Date: