

# WARBOYS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Leisure Areas Committee** held on 10th July 2017 at the Parish Centre.

## **PRESENT**

Councillors Mrs M P Bucknell, Mrs J M Cole, B L Correll, R J Dykstra, Ms L A Gifford, Mrs M H Harlock, G B Joseph, Mrs J A Tavener, G C M Willis, Dr S C Withams and Mrs A R Wyatt.

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

District Councillor P L E Bucknell.

## **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors R A Payne and P S Potts.

## **01/17 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Upon being moved by Councillor Dr Withams and seconded by Councillor Correll, it was

### **RESOLVED**

that Councillor G C M Willis be elected Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

**Councillor Willis in the Chair.**

## **02/17 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

Upon being moved by Councillor Willis and seconded by Councillor Dr Withams, it was

### **RESOLVED**

that Councillor B L Correll be appointed Vice Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing municipal year.

## **03/17 MINUTES**

Upon being moved by Councillor Dr Withams and seconded by Councillor Mrs Bucknell, the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 20th March 2017 were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

(Councillor Ms Gifford arrived in the meeting at this point in the proceedings.)

## **04/17 MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

No interests were declared by Members.

## **05/17 PLAY AREA SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS**

Further to Minute No. 36/17 of the meeting of the Council, a report was submitted by the Clerk (copies of which had been circulated to all Members) following the consideration by Councillors Correll, Willis and Dr Withams of the safety inspection reports of the play equipment in the Council's playgrounds.

Subsequent to the despatch of the agenda, the Clerk reported that he had received a response from Sutcliffe Play with regard to the issues raised in the safety inspection concerning the basket swing at Jubilee Park. The company's Area Sales Manager had indicated that a BS standard for basket seats had not been specified when the equipment had been installed but that it was being raised now by safety inspectors when inspections were undertaken. He had pointed out that this had been scored as 4 and low risk which meant that it only required monitoring. However Sutcliffe Play had designed a replacement rubber solid seat which had only recently been on the market and a quotation had been supplied to replace the seat with new chains. As the cost of installation was high, it was suggested that this be dealt with as part of an overall quotation for replacement equipment if the recommendations contained in the report were approved.

The Clerk reported that a reply was still awaited from Caloo to the issues raised in respect of the equipment that they had supplied.

### **RESOLVED**

- (a) that quotations be invited from Caloo, Sutcliffe Play and Wicksteed Leisure for the replacement of the agility trim trail, toddler swing unit, safety surfacing, replacement steps on the embankment slide, possible covers for the slide foundation blocks, replacement basket swing and any other issues arising from the response awaited from Caloo;
- (b) that consideration of the repair of the tarmac entrance at Jubilee Park be deferred, pending the receipt of a report from Councillor Willis;
- (c) that the cost of repairs identified be met from the Section 106 reserve for play equipment; and
- (d) that consideration be given to the creation of a reserve for play equipment repairs in future budgets; and
- (e) that PlaySafety be engaged to undertake the safety inspections again in 2018.

(Councillors Mrs Cole and Joseph arrived in the meeting during the consideration of the above matter.)

## **06/17 FEAST WEEK**

Members had no objection to a request by Councillor Mrs Wyatt for the Community Association to place a banner on the fencing at The Weir for a period of two weeks advertising the events to take place during Feast Week later in the month.

(Councillor Dykstra arrived in the meeting during the consideration of the above matter.)

There being no further business, the meeting was declared closed.

**Chairman.**