



HORNDEAN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT JUBILEE HALL ON 26TH JUNE 2023 AT 6.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors J Lay (Chairman), Mrs E Tickell (Vice Chairman), P Beck, P Little, D Prosser, S Freeman, T Attlee

IN ATTENDANCE: Carla Baverstock-Jones, Chief Officer (Minute Taker)

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: There were no members of the public or press present.

HPC 064/23/24 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received as all in attendance.

HPC 065/23/24 **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of pecuniary interest were received.

HPC 066/23/24 **TO OPEN THE MEETING TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public or press present.

HPC 067/23/24 **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE SIGNING OFF OF THE COMPLETED PROJECT BEING THE INSTALLATION OF FIVE HEADS PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT, AND TO INSTRUCT THE CHIEF OFFICER ACCORDINGLY**

Photographs of the newly installed surface were circulated by the Chief Officer, a video of an unstable swing previously provided to Members were considered.

A discussion took place as to the appropriate way forward, given the ongoing failure of the turf adjacent to the surfacing material leaving the edges exposed. Members discussed the options, and it was agreed that small strips of turf were not appropriate and unlikely to take root.

The Chief Officer highlighted the risk associated with uneven exposed edges - trip hazard, notwithstanding its vulnerability in terms of vandalism and the associated cost – wet pour replacement being extremely expensive.

It was accepted that vandalism is present as large cuts had been inflicted upon the wooden equipment, and the swings/posts although tightened by the contractor had become loose in a short space of time.

It was noted that the wooden plank forming part of the wobble beam had cracked.

Members agreed that the project could not at this stage be signed off, but resolved to pay 75% of the outstanding invoice, with the balance being paid when the surfacing issues, split wood and unstable swings have been addressed.

Police to be informed of the escalation in vandalism, particularly given that youngsters are in possession of a bladed article of some description.

Security patrols to be commenced until the 12 July 2023, when the matter will be reviewed.

Meeting concluded at 6.45pm

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Signed - The Chairman

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Date