

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
on 28th August 2024 at 6.00 pm
at The Memorial Hall, North Cerney**

Present: Councillors Adam Stoten, Cathy Martin, Neil Brown, David Barrell and Jonathan Dryland, and Barry Koch as RFO

Presiding: Councillor Adam Stoten

Clerk: Valerie Hancock

The meeting had been called by the Chairman, Councillor Mark Tufnell, for the purpose of considering and approving the next steps in the Woodmancote Playpark project.

1. Apologies: Councillors Mark Tufnell, and Clare Cannock, and County and District Councillor Paul Hodgkinson

2. Woodmancote Playpark Project:

2.1 Councillor Dryland reported that the Crowdfunding had exceeded the target, and was now closed. It had been decided to transfer the whole of the National Lottery funding to Crowdfund, and after deduction of Spacehive's platform costs, the total raised (including the Enover grant) would be in the region of £59-60,000. Of this, some £34,000 would be used for the first contract with ESP Play Ltd. The Agreement with Enover had been completed, and when an invoice was received from ESP for the initial deposit, application for those funds (net of VAT) would be made to Enover. The RFO would reclaim the VAT. It was proposed to use a further £16,000 on trimtrail kits and street gym equipment for young adults, and safety matting. This would leave a balance of about £8,500 after allowing for a contingency of £1,500. The use of these funds would be decided later. He confirmed that the proposals would comply with the information given to the various funders in the applications.

These proposals were approved by the Council

2.2 Councillor Dryland was authorised by the Council to sign contracts with ESP for the above on its behalf.

2.3 The risk to Council funds in paying a deposit of some £8,000 to ESP was discussed again. Councillor Brown confirmed that he had looked into ESP Play Ltd in detail, and it appeared financially secure. Councillor Dryland said that no further deposit would be needed for the additional equipment, but this would increase by £16,000 the amount on which VAT would have to be paid by the Council when the work was completed. After discussion, the Council agreed that there would be sufficient funds available to pay the VAT, which would need to be reclaimed by the RFO and recovered before the Council was committed to further expenditure on the project.

2.4. Additional Items:

3.1 Councillor Dryland had prepared a press release, which was approved by the Council. He would arrange for it to be approved by the various funders before publication.

3.2 The RFO would notify the insurers, and it was proposed that the cover for the play equipment might be increased to £80,000.

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3. Dates of next Meetings:

The next full Council meetings would be on 31st October 2024 and 16th January 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

Signed

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