

**MINUTES OF THE SWAFFHAM BULBECK PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
NUMBER 330**

Held at the School on Tuesday, 16th February 2010, starting at 7.30pm

Present: Bert Collins (Vice-Chairman), Daphne Dodds, Giles Merritt, Lynn Reed, Sharyn Robinson, Mary Smith.

In Attendance: Karen King-Clerk & Mr Geoffrey Datson.

2468: Apologies for Absence:

Margaret Chadwick - Chairman (*away*)

Loder Bevington (*holiday*)

David Turner (*holiday*)

Bert Collins chaired the meeting in Margaret Chadwick's absence.

2469: Members' Declaration of Interest for Items on the Agenda: Mary Smith declared an interest for item 2470.

2470: Mitchell Lodge Farm, Quarry Lane – consideration of planning issues raised: This item was brought forward and meeting suspended to allow Mr Geoffrey Datson to address the Parish Council about his concern about the lack of consultation on the part of the Planning Authority with reference to balcony and glazing details.

The meeting reconvened.

There followed discussion about the lack of consultation on this application and it was agreed to consult with Cllr Allen Alderson and refer to next meeting.

2471: Report on CCC Play Pathfinder Project at the Recreation Ground/The Denny:

Clerk confirmed that the first installation of the CCC grant funding had been received in the sum of £10,700.

The Clerk was asked to chase receipt of the 2nd instalment as it was now due.

Action: Clerk

Sharyn Robinson noted that there were several elements of the original quotation by Monster Play that had not been adhered to referring to the lack of Herras fencing and the amount of matting supplied.

The galvanising was badly damaged and it was considered that the cantilever arm was already showing signs of rusting and was not erected upright. A representative of Monster Play was to visit site and re-hang the swing currently stored in the Pavilion. Mary Smith agreed to meet with him.

Mary had overseen the work carried out by Adventure Playgrounds and asked that the zip wire and bucket not be erected until the area had been grass seeded. She signed off work to date as satisfactory. Sharyn Robinson suggested that turf would be a better and quicker solution. Everyone thought this was a good idea and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the supply of turf. Even with the laying of turf it was suggested that the area would need to remain fenced off for approximately a month to allow the turf to take and settle. The following invoices were received:

- Adventure Playgrounds Ltd £3,818.75. This was agreed as part payment of the final sum. *Proposed: Sharyn Robinson. Seconded: Lynn Reed.*
- David Rayner Farming P/Ship £ 922.50. Agreed subject to receipt of VAT invoice. Clerk to action.
- Monster Play Systems £8,044.45. This invoice was held until equipment installed satisfactorily.

Post-Inspection of new equipment – further quote received (Min.ref.329/2460): The Clerk obtained a quote from Cambridgeshire ACRE; £50 for the first five pieces of play equipment plus £3 for each additional item. 10% discount based on membership of Cambridgeshire ACRE. Charge for the return mileage between office (CB6 1PJ) and the play area (CB25 0NW) £20.80 (51.8 miles at 40p per mile). All costs subject to VAT.

This was considered very reasonable and the Clerk was asked to arrange for Cambridgeshire ACRE to carry out inspection of new equipment only during the 3rd week of March.

Action: Clerk

With reference to the current play area it was agreed that the annual inspection should be carried out as in previous years by RoSPA.

The Tree Officer from ECDC, Cathy White, contacted the Clerk to ask that an application be completed and submitted to her for the tree works carried out. This was a requirement as the area was in a Conservation Area.

Action: Clerk

The Clerk was waiting on final approval from Ashley List for the sign and then would ask Algar Signs to go ahead.

Action: Clerk

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2472: Additional items raised: (subject to further discussion at March meeting)

War Memorial: Mary Smith told meeting that she had discussed the application for grant funding towards the repairs with the War Memorials Trust and was informed that the application deadline had been brought forward to the 31/3/10 and that prior to this an Expression of Interest form needed to be completed. Mary asked that this item be an agenda item for the March meeting.

Play Area Warning Signs: Andrew Carauna had contacted the Clerk about the position of the sign on Green Bank Road and stressed that it was urgent to decide the location in order for the work to be ordered and completed before the end of the financial year. It was decided that the best position for the sign would be outside No.2 Green Bank Road on lamp column no 8.

Letter received from Sophie Singleton re Fen Lane: Sharyn Robinson asked that a letter be sent to those residents referred to inviting them to attend the next Parish Council meeting to discuss their concerns.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

2467: Dates of Next Meetings:

2nd March

6th April

4th May

18th May (Annual Parish Meeting)

1st June

6th July