

DEOPHAM & HACKFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Draft Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on Friday 18 October 2024 at 9:35am at Deopham Playing Field

This meeting was convened as an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council following the need to complete an urgent Pride in Place Bloom application for playground equipment.

Cllrs present:

Jacky Phoenix – Chair (JP), Chris Chorley (CCh) – Vice Chair, Eliska Cheeseman (EC), Chris Coath (CC) and Martin Skidmore (MS)

Absent:

Catherine Grand (CG)

Others present:

None

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence
 - 1.1. Apologies were received and accepted from Catherine Grand (CG).
2. To receive any Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda and consider any requests for dispensation
 - 2.1. There were no Declarations of Interest
3. To **AGREE** and **APPROVE** details of suitable playground equipment and sundries and a chosen preferred supplier in order to complete an urgent Pride in Place grant application.
 - 3.1. The Chair reported that following a discussion with Andy Sexton of SNDC grant aid had become available for Phase 3 of the Play Park project by way of a Pride in Place grant. The timing of this grant necessitated an urgent decision to be made as all equipment and its installation must be completed by 31st December 2024.
 - 3.2. The proposal was explained including 3 quotations and the timescale of delivery to final payment. The need to complete the project by the end of the year meant that it was not possible to move ahead with the mound slide as the mound would not have time to settle. Therefore, quotations had been sought and received for the supply and installation of a 3m matrix net. New fencing would also need to be supplied around a nursery play area and a quotation had also been received for this.
 - 3.3. It was **PROPOSED** that NGF be the chosen supplier for several reasons – best price, a local supplier from Dereham, a low carbon footprint on travel and also the net manufacturer on the matrix. This was duly **AGREED** and **APPROVED** unanimously.
 - 3.4. It was reported that the Deopham Charity of the Rev Henry Rix had approved a match

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fund grant of £1000 once the Pride in Place grant was confirmed.

- 3.5. It was **PROPOSED** that the shortfall in funding, mainly VAT which could be reclaimed, would be provided by the Parish Council from the unused play field and pavilion funds as well as any underspends along with a small amount from reserves if required. This was duly **AGREED** and **APPROVED** unanimously.
- 3.6. There were further discussions regarding the moving of a bench so it was outside of the fenced area and could be used by dog walkers and other users of the playing field. The provision of a service gate for the mower was also discussed.

The Council were both excited and pleased that this grant had become available and hoped they would be successful in it being awarded.

There being no other relevant business the meeting closed at 9:35am.