



MINUTES

Meeting: EXTRAORDINARY
COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 18th August 2014

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: NORTH WEALD LIBRARY, 138 HIGH ROAD, NORTH WEALD

PRESENT:

Councillors (11) C Hawkins (Chairman), B Bartram, T Blanks, B Eldridge, E Godwin-Brown, G McCormack, G Mulliner, N Bedford, R Spearman, D Stallan, Mrs A Grigg

Also in Attendance (2)

Susan De Luca – Clerk to the Council

Adriana Jones – Finance and Administrative Officer

Members of the Public (5) - North Weald Mums

Members of the Press (0)

C14.052 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (4)

NOTED that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Ms Adams, Buckley, Collins and Clegg.

C14.053 OTHER ABSENCES (0)

No other absences were recorded.

C14.054 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NOTED there were no declarations of interest.

C14.055 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman welcomed members of the North Weald Mums, stating they were present regarding the following agenda item.

C14.056 WEALD COMMON

A copy of the proposed plan showing the equipment that had been decided for the new play area at Weald Common was circulated for members perusal. The Chairman asked if any Members had any questions regarding this play area or the suggested equipment, to which there were none. Cllr Mulliner **PROPOSED** that the plan as submitted with all the play area equipment as stated be agreed. This was **SECONDED** by Cllr McCormack. A vote was taken, the result of which was unanimous.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** the plan together with associated equipment for the Weald Common Play Area as submitted on the plans which had been available for Members perusal.

The Chairman then invited Sue Malpass from the North Weald Mums to address the Council. Sue stated that they would like to request a plaque is made and erected within the play area to thank the parties who have been involved and contributed to

the play area. The Clerk tabled an example of the text that would be used on the plaque, stating that there would potentially be further additions needed dependent on the success of further grant funding. Sue Malpass stated that the only addition would be Barley Barn Day Nursery. With this addition, Councillors **AGREED** a plaque could be created and installed within the play area.

Sue Malpass also requested that an information plaque be creating setting out the rules of the play area. This was also **AGREED** by Members.

It was noted that the provisional installation date of the new play area would be 2nd week of September, with installation lasting approximately two weeks.

The Clerk stated that with CIF funding, an opening Ceremony would need to be held, to which ECC Cllr John Jowers should be invited. Sue Malpass stated that they were hoping to be holding a Teddy Bears picnic after the play area was completed, and that this could also act as the opening ceremony. Cllr Stallan stated the Cllr Kane at EFDC should also be informed. The Clerk suggested that perhaps North Weald Village Lounge could be used as the venue for refreshments following the official opening. Sue Malpass agreed this would be a good idea, however refreshments would be available on the common itself. The Chairman suggested North Weald Mums gave themselves a 7-10 day margin of error for completion of the play area when booking the official opening date. North Weald Mums **AGREED** that they would be responsible for sending out the relevant invitations and organising the opening event.

Councillors **AGREED** that two litter bins, slightly larger if possible than those installed at the School Green Lane Play Area, should be purchased and installed at the new play area. It was **NOTED** that the Grounds Maintenance Contractor would be responsible for cutting the grass between the two play areas.

The Chairman asked that the thanks of the Parish Council be recorded in the minutes for all the hard work, effort and commitment of the North Weald Mums with this project. The North Weald Mums confirmed they planned to continue with fundraising for the benefit of the community.

Councillors also **NOTED** the following two events being held by the North Weald Mums:

- 25th October - North Weald Village Hall - Quiz Night with Pie and Mash
- Christmas Carols with EOR at the EOR, either last Friday of November, or first Friday of December.

Meeting closed: 7.50 pm

Signed
Date