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**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF NORTHCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
MONDAY**

25th April 2022 at 7.15 pm Social Centre Bell Lane HP4 3RD

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jon Clarke	Chair
Mark Somervail	Vice Chair
Michela Capozzi	
Beryl Edwards	
Gordon Godfrey	
Neil Pocock	
Susan Rees	

ALSO, PRESENT Usha Kilich Proper Officer and three members of the public.

EX/07/21

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and accept apologies for the absence
There were no apologies for the absence to record.

EX/08/21

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare an interest linked to any item on the agenda.
There was no Declaration of Interest to report.

EX/09/21

Public Participation

Councillors responded to questions from members of the public:

- a. Regarding EX/11/21 d, NPC will match-fund any money raised at events organised by the Cricket Club up to the value of £5000.
- b. In May, NPC will install three extra bins at the recreation ground and one bin on Herons Elm
- c. NPC will charge a trainer holding classes for large groups of people at the recreation ground but will not charge a trainer running a session for one person.
- d. NPC have no plans to run a Jubilee event.
- e. NPC will remove fallen branches by the river at the recreation ground
- f. NPC could not fund improvements to school infrastructure because the law prevents one public body from funding another in this way.

EX/10/21

Chairman's Report

Nothing to report.

EX/11/21

Financial Matters

- a. Cllr Clarke proposes to purchase from Playdale a replacement Team Swing seat and chains for the playground as per the quotation dated 18.03.2022 (circulated to all Councillors)
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey.
Unanimously agreed
- b. Cllr Clarke proposes to allocate a maximum budget of £5,000 to replace the surface of the skate ramp
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Pocock.
Unanimously agreed.
- c. Cllr Clarke proposes to award a further £5k to BHH Hockey Club
RESOLVED, seconded by Cllr Somervail. Unanimously agreed.
- d. Cllr Clarke proposes to match-fund up to £5k to Northchurch Cricket Club if they can raise the same through a fundraising event/s they organise (not through further grant applications to other bodies)
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Pocock.
Unanimously agreed.
- e. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept the quote from T. Clubb dated 17.03.2022 (circulated to all Councillors) to remove all redundant bollards, remove spoil, and lay a 30 mm thick surface course of tarmac to the whole area in front of the skate ramp
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Somervail.
Unanimously agreed.
- f. Cllr Clarke proposes to take the recommendations from the arborist report dated 16.03.2022 (circulated to all Councillors) for the reduction of 11 trees and felling of one tree as soon as possible. Also, to plan to replace the existing trees with a new generation of willows in the coming years.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Godfrey.
Unanimously agreed.
- g. Cllr Capozzi proposes to accept a quotation from Tree Monkey dated 26.03.2022 (circulated to Councillors with further backup) for the works required on the willows in the recreation ground.
RESOLVED, proposed by Cllr Capozzi, seconded by Cllr Somervail.
Unanimously agreed, this will be carried out over two phases based on risk level.

EX/12/21

Open Spaces

- a. Cllr Clarke proposes F&GP develop phase 2 improvement works at the recreation ground which would include some of the items above and some new items e.g. reviewing the location of the rec ground noticeboard, the installation of a water fountain, the provision of refreshments, new goal posts, a mobile coffee shop etc
RESOLVED for F&GP to investigate phase 2, seconded by Cllr Godfrey.
Unanimously agreed.

- b. Cllr Edwards proposes relocating the NPC noticeboard outside Tesco to a more visible position.

RESOLVED: proposed by Cllr Edwards, seconded by Cllr Somervail for Cllr Edwards to progress with the research and present at the next Full Council.

EX/13/21

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16th May 2022 Meeting at 18:30
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The meeting concluded at 20.20.