



AXMOUTH PARISH COUNCIL

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A meeting of Axmouth Parish Council, Playground Committee was held on Wednesday 28th February 2024, at 7pm at Axmouth Village Hall.

Those present:

Mr I Hunt, Cllr J. Condron, Mr P Britton.

In attendance:

Andy Comerford (Clerk).

1. To receive and acknowledge apologies.

Apologies received from Cllr Staff. Mrs P Sweetland

The Clerk confirmed the meeting was quorate.

2. Minutes of meeting on 24th January 2024. (circulated)

Mr Britton asked that his apologies for this meeting were changed to reflect his attendance at the Village Hall meeting booked for the same time. This was agreed and changed by hand before minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

Mr Britton requested that the future minutes be circulated earlier. The Clerk said that he wouldn't normally circulate minutes until they had been approved. It was agreed that draft minutes would be circulated prior to being signed at the next meeting.

3. Consider Terms of Reference.

Mr Britton concerns that Insurance for the Playground Association had always been the stumbling block with the amalgamation into the Parish Council. The Clerk reported that, as far as he was aware, the Sub Committee would be covered by the existing Insurance but would have this confirmed. The insurance was not part of the sub committee responsibilities and shouldn't be listed on the ToRs. Cllr Condron expressed concerns that there was no mention of the funds available to the Sub Committee, either existing or funds raised in the future. Mr Britton agreed. The Clerk said the protection of the funds in the earmarked accounts being for playground use only was minuted in meeting records as was the funding to be transferred from the old Association account. Future funding would have designated purposes agreed by the Parish Council and could only be used for the stated purpose.

Mr Britton suggested that a member of the Sub Committee should be a co-signatory on payments made from the earmarked reserve. There was much discussion on this point and history of the working

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relationship between the Parish Council but it was generally felt that a non elected member of a Sub Committee could hold that position. It was agreed to reword point 12 of the ToRs removing “may vote” and replacing with “will vote”.

The Clerk asked if he could present the ToR’s to the Parish Council for their agreement. Mr Britton wanted it noted that he was not in favour of them.

A vote was taken and it was agreed to present the ToR’s to the Parish Council with 2 votes for and 1 against.

4. Maintenance.

The Clerk reported that he had been unable to find a more National Company that would be interested in undertaking smaller jobs. Cllr Condrom said he understood that quotes had been found from local tradesmen. Mr Britton confirmed this but the work had not been put in hand due to the Insurance uncertainties. Cllr Condrom asked that if the insurance issue was resolved to everyone’s satisfaction could the work be put in hand? With some discussion Mr Hunt and Mr Britton confirmed that it could be. Mr Hunt confirmed he would contact Tim Hodgson, Steve ? and Max?. for costs. It was agreed that it was the central multiplay unit that needed more urgent repair and was, in fact closed off at the moment. There were other jobs but these were smaller tasks and less urgent. Mr Hunt confirmed that he was happy to get the necessary quotes.

Cllr Condrom reported that he had spoken to Seaton Council about the management of The Jurassic play park. They used a check list similar to the one used by Axmouth Playground Assoc except that it was a weekly check undertaken by someone who had received appropriate training. Mr Hunt said he normally like to make weekly visits but wasn’t trained. Mr Britton thought that Steve ? may be interested in taking on such a role. It was agreed to carry out a monthly check and set up a rota for the responsibility.

5. Transfer of Assets and closure of the Playground Association.

The clerk reported that once he had a final balance for the Playground Association bank account he could complete the documentation for the closure and transfer of assets for Mr Hunt and Mr Britton to sign.

6. A.O.B. None

7. Next meeting agreed for Wednesday the 10th April 2024.

Signed: Ian Hunt 12th June 2024