



NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday
31st January 2024, at Mannings Heath Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr D Cotton (Chair), Cllr N Bryant, Cllr C Kenny (Vice Chair), Cllr V Court, Cllr K McGovern, Cllr M Oswell-Penton, Cllr S Catterall, Cllr W Bayley.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Louise Shaw (Locum Clerk) and 77 members of the public (MOP). DCllr D Livingstone

APOLOGIES: None received

1930hrs

318-23/24 **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no councillors apologies for this meeting.

319-23/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest for this meeting.

320-23/24 **CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME**

Cllr DC addressed the meeting and informed the MOP's of the process of the meeting and reiterated that abuse or threatening behaviour would not be tolerated. Anyone using these actions will be removed. Cllr DC stated that the current council members were not involved in the original installation of the playground and that the current council members were all eligible to vote on the matter and that was his final decision on this matter. He highlighted the statement of facts included with the agenda and stated that it was disappointing that certain misinformation had been spread on social media leading to some unpleasant and abusive comments. He reiterated that the statement of facts represented the actual information gathered by the council on this matter and was the basis for the council's deliberations.

DCllr Livingstone and 1 MOP joined the meeting at 19.35pm

321 – 23/24 **PLAYGROUND –**

Cllr CK addressed the meeting and ran through the past information on the playground in great detail. Cllr DC also addressed the meeting to state that it was for this council to determine a permanent resolution for the Cook Explores play equipment in the newly installed playground. Cllr DC opened the floor up to the public. The following people spoke to the council members and the floor:

Anne Bonar,
Andrew Bonar,
4 x children,
Owen Hydes,
Madeleine

Denise Harber
Robert Arbuthnott
Robina Arbuthnott
Roger Cato,

Trystan Richards
Stuart Sandell
John Bromley
Melaine Nurse,

1 MOP joined the meeting at 19.39pm
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8 MOP left the meeting at 19.56pm
1 MOP joined the meeting at 20.01pm

Following the public session ending at 20.23pm and further discussion from the councillors. The Chairman asked the councillors for their final thoughts.

Cllr WB stated that he was really pleased to see so many residents engaged in the process and stated that whatever decision the council makes, it will always be wrong and but hopes to draw a line and enable the parish council and the community to move on. Cllr NB thanked the MOP's for attending and mentioned that he was involved in the process of designing the playground. Cllr KM echoed Cllr WB statement. It was mentioned about the offer of payment of the moving the equipment and asked why it wasn't moved to under a tree. The Clerk informed that the possible reason would have been because of the condition of the tree and for health & safety issues. Cllr KM asked whether there were any further pieces of equipment that could be bought to give the children the same as the cook explorer. There were not, as the time for public consultation had now passed and the school children has been instrumental in designing the playground. Cllr DC raised concerns over potential insurance claims being brought against the council in the future should any of the equipment be altered from the intended items purchased. Cllr NB informed the council members that, in his opinion, the insurance company will not insure any changes or alteration which will having a baring on the council and the community in the future. Cllr VC mentioned that ROSPA have always done a high risk assessment on the playground.

Cllr DC called for a motion to leave the playground as it is as a final and permanent solution, Cllr NB proposed the motion and Cllr CK seconded the proposal. All those in favour 7, with 1 against. The motion is carried as a final and permanent resolution for the playground to remain as it is.

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DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Nuthurst Full Parish Council Meeting will be held on 21st February 2024, at Mannings Heath Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Cllr DC gave his apologies for this meeting and asked Cllr CK to chair this meeting.

Meeting closed at 20.37hrs.

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