

MINUTES of an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of ARDELEY PARISH COUNCIL on THURSDAY 17th September 2020 AT 7.30PM, of necessity held remotely due to Coronavirus restrictions.

Councillors present: Cllr Adrian Waygood, Chairman
Cllr Jim Egginton
Cllr Andy Miller
Cllr Simon Peace

Officer attending: Lorna Ewen, Clerk
Others present: 1 member of the public joined the meeting remotely

20.31 Apologies for absence: Cllr Stuart Norman and Cllr Michael Stevens

20.32 Declarations of interest: None relevant to the meeting

20.33 Playground Covid19 risk assessment and reopening: Cllr Norman would be completing the risk assessment. Cllr Miller undertook to arrange for a Covid19 precautions poster to be printed and Cllr Waygood agreed to put it up. Cllr Miller kindly agreed to cut the grass prior to the re-opening. Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Peace: Following the completion of the aforesaid actions, the playground is to be re-opened. Passed unanimously.
Maintenance: Clerk to ascertain from Broadmead Leisure whether they would be prepared to carry out biannual maintenance checks and inspections to ensure the safety of the equipment, preferably in March and September and the costs of so doing.

20.34 Website: accessibility compliance: There was a considerable reluctance to spend money on a new website, but it was accepted that compliance with the new regulations was mandatory for all parish councils and that the existing website was too old to upgrade to the satisfy the new requirements, so the council had no choice but to proceed with the cheapest option. Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Peace: That the basic package from Parish Council Websites be commissioned, together with 6 extra email addresses. Passed unanimously.

20.35 Luton Airport representations: Concerns had been expressed regarding the apparent increase in flight traffic since the lifting of lockdown. Proposed by Cllr Waygood, seconded by Cllr Miller: Cllr Peace would write a letter of complaint to Luton Airport. Carried unanimously.

20.36 Urgent matters not previously notified:

Proposed by Cllr Peace, seconded by Cllr Waygood: That the Covid19 risk assessment for Ardeley Parish Council circulated to councillors prior to the July meeting be adopted. Carried unanimously.
The complaint regarding the business activities at 1 Crows Croft is to be considered again at the next meeting.

20.37 Reminder of date of next meeting: Monday 2nd November at 7.30pm. Location to be notified due to current Covid19 restrictions.

There were no comments from members of the public that could be heard due to reception problems and the meeting closed at 8.40pm.