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Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council held remotely on Thursday 3 September 2020 commencing at 17:30 hrs

Present

Chair: Councillor L Knight

Councillors: E Andrews, J Buczkowski, M Dale, R Dietrich, J Johns, J Lockhead and M Rowe

In attendance

Officers: J Norris (Town Clerk)

1 member of the press attended the meeting

4 members of the public attended the meeting

90. Mayor's Announcements

There were no announcements.

91. Apologies For Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Guest and Haslett.

92. Declarations of Interests

The following Declaration of Interest was made at this point of the meeting:

- Councillor Rowe declared a personal interest in Agenda No 6 - Motion Submitted in accordance with Standing Order 7a – Review of the Community Wellbeing Committee decision not to re-open the play parks under the Town Council's control Minute 95, as she lives on Head Weir Road.

93. Public Participation

This agenda item enables members of the public to raise matters which are relevant to Cullompton.

No matters were raised by members of the public.

94. Minutes

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 August 2020 as a correct record

RESOLVED that consideration of this agenda item be deferred to the next Town Council meeting.

95. Motion Submitted In Accordance With Standing Order 7a
The following motion has been made by Councillor Buczkowski and is supported by Councillors Dale, Johns, Knight and Rowe

“That Cullompton Town Council review the decision of the Community Wellbeing Committee made on 20th August 2020 not to re-open the Play Parks under The Town Councils control”

The report provided to the Community Wellbeing Committee was provided as Supporting Paper B

Councillor Buczkowski explained the reasons he believed that the decision of the Community Wellbeing Committee should be reviewed.

There was discussion regarding the government guidance for managing playgrounds.

RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.

Speaker 1

The speaker said the information from the government was guidance and you only needed to implement the measures as they applied to the individual play area. It would be possible for the Town Council to put up posters and the biggest thing that could be done was spray cleaning the equipment.

Speaker 2

Speaker 2 said the Town Council should check if the situation was covered by the Council's public liability insurance.

RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders

There was discussion which included the risk assessment prepared by the Town Clerk and the costs for engaging a cleaning company to do a daily clean of the play equipment.

RESOLVED

- (i) that all the play areas owned or managed by the Town Council should be re-opened
- (ii) that the play equipment should be cleaned by a contractor once day at a cost of £12.00 per play area per visit
- (iii) that the costs for cleaning as stated in (ii) above are funded from general reserves for the current year but will need to be included as a precept item for 2021/2022
- (iv) That appropriate signage should be put up in every play area owned or managed by the Town Council
- (v) that use of the play areas should be monitored as well as possible
- (vi) That the Town Clerk is authorised to close a play area immediately if the rules are not followed
- (vii) that the situation is reviewed in 6 weeks

The meeting closed 18:17hrs

Agreed