

**NEWTON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 via Videoconference**

**Present:** Councillors Paul Presland (Chairman), Russell Bower, David Everett, Rita Schwenk, Laura Smith, Phil Taylor and Sue Vince (arrived late).

**Attending:** Lee Parker (Babergh District Council) and Dave Crimmin (Clerk).

**21/056 Apologies for Absence**

No apologies required.

**21/057 Declaration of Interests and Requests for Dispensation**

No interests were declared and no requests for dispensation had been received.

**21/058 Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

The minutes of the meeting were approved by the councillors who resolved that the minutes should be digitally signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**21/059 Public Forum**

No issues raised.

**21/060 Emails circulated**

Following a review of the emails circulated by the Clerk since the last meeting the Clerk raised the issue that NPC were required to respond to Planning Application DC/21/01460 before the next scheduled meeting. The councillors reviewed the adjoining parish application which is for a discharge of conditions in relation to the Design Code for Chilton Woods, and resolved that they had no comments on the application.

**21/061 Recreation Ground**

Cllr Presland updated councillors outlined to work undertaken since the last meeting in relation to reviewing the quotations submitted to the tender process for the play equipment in the Recreation Ground. Wicksteed, who were the councillors' second choice of the quotations received, had responded positively to NPC's request and following a site visit and Zoom meeting had provided a quotation to supply equipment in line with the All Play Solutions specification. The councillors reviewed the quotation for £64,000 +VAT and the outline plan for the Under 7 and 7 to 14 play equipment areas and resolved to purchase the equipment from Wicksteed Leisure Ltd subject to a meeting taking place to finalise the plan and that the T&C for payment of the equipment be changed to "payment for the equipment to be made up to 20 working days following the installation of the equipment and receipt of positive post installation inspection". The Clerk was asked to raise the Purchase Order for the works.

The councillors agreed that Tennis 2000 should rotovate the outside of the MUGA and complete the surface painting in the second half of April following the school holidays. Cllr Presland to obtain a quotation for a cabinet to house the tennis net for the council's next meeting. The Clerk reported that an invoice had been raised with APS for the refund of the deposit that is owed to NPC. It is hoped that payment will be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

**21/062 Questions to the Chair**

No questions raised.



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**21/063      Next Meeting**

The next scheduled NPC meeting will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021, starting at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed at 8.20pm.**



Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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