



## **Minutes of Cobham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Meeting took place at the Meadow Rooms**

### **Present**

Cllr Steve Dyer (Vice Chair), Cllr Rosemary Dymond, Cllr Zoe Gee

Cllr Robert Pryor, Cllr Russ Nichols, Cllr Mat Peterson-Pearce

### **Present**

Charles Amis (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Mike Booth (Chair), Cllr Matt Mason, Cllr Ben Smith

**2. Declarations of Interest** – None

**3.** Cllr Russ Nichols completed the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Form and the Acceptance Form. The Clerk witnessed the signing of the forms.

**4. Vacancy – Co-option of Mat Peterson Pearce** – Mat Peterson-Pearce was unanimously voted on to Cobham Parish Council by all of the parish councillors who were present. Cllr Mat Peterson-Pearce completed the Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests Form and the Acceptance Form. The Clerk witnessed the signing of the forms.

**5. Playground – Sign off the work** – Cllr Peterson-Pearce circulated the plans and report for the new playground. The present costs of the new playground have increased from £59,698 to £67,556 with the all-weather path at £3,863 and the new fencing at £3,995. This will form part of the second phase of construction for the playground. The price includes temporary hoarding and removal of waste. The new playground equipment will be made from wood as this will be more resistant to vandalism than plastic play equipment.

The Lower Thames Crossing have turned down the first application for grant funding but a second application will be made that will focus more on diversity and wild flowers in the extended area. CPC are still waiting for Greene King to confirm if they are prepared to provide funding. A further application for funding from the National Lottery will be made. GBC have agreed to cover the cost of clearing the playground.

The landlord at The Ship PH had previously been unhappy with parents parking in The Ship PH car park when picking up children from Cobham Primary School as the dray lorry had been unable to access the car park and had left without unloading. However the current landlord has been supportive as the new playground may increase their footfall.

Safeplay Playground Services Ltd have agreed to keep their prices the same despite the rising cost of materials. The work should take 6-8 weeks to complete and it is hoped that the new playground will be ready for the summer fete at the end of August.

**Action:** Arrange a community day to clear litter and undergrowth. Advertise community day on website and Facebook. Clerk to send Cllr Peterson-Pearce details of the Kent Playing Fields Association and Smooth & Rugged Landscapes. Clerk to ask the Bowls Club if their CCTV also covers the Children's Corner.

**6. Leaving present for Cllr Hague** – Cllr Booth will be taking Cllr Haig to a plant nursery to choose some roses for Cllr Haig. It was agreed by all of the parish councillors present that £100 could be spent on Cllr Haig's leaving present.

**7. Finance:** The cheque report was proposed by Cllr Dyer and seconded by Cllr Dymond.

**Cheques signed since last meeting**

Date of Invoice	Company	Reason	Amount
24/5/2023	Clerk	Mileage	£16.52

**Cheques to be signed at the meeting**

Date of Invoice	Company	Reason	Amount
10/5/2023	Forestrall Ltd – Reimburse Cllr Dymond	Materials to make new troughs for South & South East in Bloom after a trough was damaged and another trough was stolen	£128.83
18/5/2023	Cartridge People – Reimburse Clerk	Toner Cartridge for Printer	£26.85
22/5/2023	London Roofing & Building Solutions Ltd	Public Toilets – Repair broken roof tiles, Re-bed ridge tiles along the top of the roof, Repair guttering and downpipe. Repair toilet floor with liquid fibreglass.	£1,350
24/5/2023	Clerk	Mileage	£16.38
31/5/2023	Clerk	Income Tax	£13.89
31/5/2023	Clerk	Salary 1 <sup>st</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> May2023	£845.10

**Action:** The Clerk to contact KALC and ask if CPC are able to increase the threshold from £750 to £1000 before three quotes need to be sort. Clerk to ask the company who carried out the repair work on the toilets if they are VAT registered.

**8. AOB – Items from Councillors**

Cllr Samir Jassel will be the lead GBC councillor for Planning. Action: Clerk to send information to NALC. Cllr Dyer to seek an update from Cllr Mason. Planning Working Group to meet next Tuesday or Wednesday.

**9. Next Meeting – Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the St Mary's Church Rooms**