



Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee of the New Milton Town Council held on Monday 6 August, 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton.

	Chairman	p	G R Blunden	
	Vice Chairman	p	D E Hawkins	
Councillors:	p	G C Beck	p	W B Davies
	p	D A Rice Mundy	p	A D O'Sullivan
	p	A W Rice		R Murrow
		V E Schooling		
In Attendance:	Councillors	Cllr S Clarke		
		Cllr A Reid		
		Cllr D N Tungate		
	Officers:	G P Flexman	Town Clerk	
		M Jeffries	Estates & Facilities Manager	

The Chairman welcomed councillors and members of the public to this Extraordinary meeting of the Amenities Committee to consider a proposed Playpark at Doe Copse Way.

37. APOLOGIES

Cllrs V Schooling and R Murrow

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

39. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representations were received from residents of 15, 19, 48 and 70 Doe Copse Way

40. CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk referred to an email received from residents of 46 Doe Copse Way:

“Many thanks for the letter of the 31st July 2018 about the updated plans for the play area. My wife and I are unable to attend the public meeting tomorrow but we do want to express our full support for this scheme. We feel that you have responded wisely to the objections raised by other residents and have made some excellent amendments to the original scheme. We are both school teachers (I am the Head at Ballard School) as well as being parents (and grandparents) and we feel that this play space is much needed and will actually also enhance the amenities and environs in the Crest estate. Thank you for all that you and the Council do for our Town.”

41. DOE COPSE WAY

The Chairman referred to Appendix 1 and the representations received from local residents of Doe Copse Way regarding the revised plans for the Play Park.

The Chairman asked NFDC Landscape Architect Jill Colclough, to answer the various questions posed about overall size (16 x 24 metres) design (highly regulated by Government guidelines) safety aspects (“fall” zones around equipment with adequate space provided) seating (around the perimeter away from the equipment) targeted audience (local children of differing abilities) age range (based more on ability range nowadays) parking (will be discouraged on verges) equipment height (maximum of 2.4 metres) planting (extensive landscaping and tree planting will be undertaken) fencing (more rustic looking fencing agreed) and proximity to houses (still within guidelines set with sufficient “buffer” zones provided).

The Chairman confirmed the costings of £93k to be funded from S.106 Developers Contributions, subject to the above comments. Members expressed their support.

It was then unanimously

RECOMMENDED:

That the revised proposal be approved, subject to the above comments.

42. ANY OTHER MATTERS

None

43. ANY ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Town Clerk updated members on land north of Fernhill to be transferred from NFDC

44. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting Monday 3 September, 2018 at 6.30 pm in the Town Hall, Ashley Road, New Milton

There being no further business to discuss the Chairman thanked all those attending and closed the meeting at 7.25 pm.

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____

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