

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Skipwith Parish Council held on Wednesday 26th April
2017 at the Village Hall, Skipwith commencing at 7.30pm.**

Present: Councillors Trevor Britain, Andrew Faulkes, Tom Hill, Noel McCool, Glynnis Smith, Michael Ward and Sharon Worrall.

Eight members of public were also present

405. Apologies – All members present

Declarations of interest: None

406. Public Session

A member of the public raised a question regarding how the play area will be funded and Councillor Tom Hill spoke about the checklist for funding provided by Playscheme and advised that the Parish Council can apply to the Big Lottery Fund for £10,000 which can only be used on a scheme costing up to a maximum of £25,000.

The Parish Council and members of the public discussed the viability of a children's play area and a member of the public expressed her disappointment in the lack of public attendance at the meeting and the apparent apathy.

The Parish Council was asked to put a plan together detailing costings and how the money is to be spent and to keep residents more informed of the activities of the Parish Council.

407. Children's Play Area

The purpose of the meeting was for the Parish Council to discuss the current situation with the children's play area which must be started but not completed by June 2019 and may be a phased development.

Councillor Tom Hill gave a brief history of the background to the Parish Council leasing the land and the progress so far including the quotes received for fencing and play equipment and the outline design produced by Playscheme.

It was noted that the Parish Council have agreed the quote for fencing provided by David Swinglehurst totalling £3890 + VAT and that Playscheme are the Parish Councils preferred contractors for the play equipment but that the Parish Council have not made any financial commitment to Playscheme at present.

Councillor Hill advised that he was keen to apply for the grant as soon as possible which could be done without committing any Parish Council money at the moment but as there is no time limit to apply for the grant it was agreed that this would not be submitted at present. It was also noted that the Parish Council would look at the budget for the project when considering the precept in November.

Councillor Noel McCool spoke about the expenditure to date, the condition and suitability of the land, future ongoing maintenance and the costs associated with any remedial work required.

Councillor Tom Hill advised that he was in the process of speaking to Playscheme to get a quote for the ongoing maintenance and inspection costs.

Concern was also raised regarding the historic burial of livestock on adjoining land and potential anthrax contamination and it was agreed to contact Defra for further advice. **COUNCILLOR
GLYNNIS SMITH**

It was agreed to contact Playscheme to arrange a site visit to inspect the condition of the land at present and to discuss any work that may be required, Councillors Andrew Faulkes, Glynnis Smith and Sharon Worrall to attend.

COUNCILLOR TOM HILL

It was agreed that the Parish Council would look at a Risk Assessment once a site visit has been carried out and advice received from Defra.

The Parish Council discussed the input so far from residents and the possibility of forming a committee to oversee the project but it was noted that the lease states that the land must remain within the Parish Councils responsibility and the project must be kept under the wing of the Parish Council to ensure that the play area is covered under the Parish Council's insurance policy and it was noted that there had been a lack of interest in forming a committee.

The Parish Council agreed to raise a cheque for £97.00 payable to Selby District Council for the planning application for fencing the play area, proposed by Councillor Glynnis Smith, seconded by Councillor Michael Ward and unanimously agreed.

408. Date for next meeting – Monday 8th May Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council and the Parish Council Meeting