

BRADWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parish Council held at 7:00 p.m. on Friday 21st January 2011

Present: Cllr R Davies, Cllr S Eyre, Cllr C Furness,
Cllr J Lawson, Cllr A Slater, Cllr J Walker

Mr S Lawless (Clerk)

Members of the Public
Mrs J Green, Mrs P Hornsey, Mrs H Harrison, 2 other residents

It was **resolved** to elect Cllr S Eyre as Chair for this meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs Hornsey expressed her concern about the items of play equipment proposed to be installed as part of the refurbishment of the Town Bottom Playing Field. She felt that her concerns expressed at the Village Meeting on 29/09/10 had not been taken into account and that the village children had not been widely consulted. There was general discussion on these points. As this matter was on the agenda it was decided to proceed with the meeting and allow the public to participate in discussions.

013/2011 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Downing offered his apologies by reason of holidays, Cllr V Horstead offered her apologies by reason of family matters, Cllr A Nash offered his apologies by reason of holidays.

014/2011 Declaration of Members' Interests

Cllr Eyre declared a personal interest in the matter of the refurbishment of the Town Bottom Playing Field.

015/2011 Finance

The matter of the claim made by Valleyside Landscapes was discussed. It was **resolved** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. The reason given for this exclusion is under the Freedom of Information Act exemption Section 43 – Commercial Interests.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should decide how to proceed with this matter.

It was **resolved** to end confidential business.

016/2011 Playing Fields & Village Caretaking

The plans for the refurbishment of the Town Bottom Playing Field were reviewed. Cllr Lawson presented the latest version of the plans to the meeting. It was noted that the majority of the existing play equipment had been sold and the purchaser was presently dismantling and removing it. It was hoped that the new equipment would be installed by the end of March although no contract has yet been signed. It was intended to retain the zip-wire, roundabout and the three springies. Quotations have been obtained for the groundwork required to level the playing field prior to the installation of new equipment.

It was **resolved** to suspend Standing Orders to allow members of the public to join the discussion.

It was discussed how to consult with children of both schools, given that the Junior School has a school council which meets on Fridays and the Infants School council meets monthly. Mrs J Green, Mrs P Hornsey, Mrs H Harrison agreed to help in this matter. They requested that the latest Lightmain catalogue, price list and existing proposals be provided to them early this coming week. Cllr Lawson indicated that a moderation process might be necessary if duplicating, conflicting or incompatible suggestions are made. It was agreed to review these suggestions at a Playing Fields committee meeting to be convened on Saturday 29th January starting at 10:00.

It was **resolved** that the Clerk should contract for the groundworks to be carried out on the basis of daily rates to specifications determined by council members to an overall limit of £5,000.

It was **resolved** to reinstate Standing Orders.

The meeting concluded at 8:32 p.m.