



# Blockley Parish Council

Minutes – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 7.00pm, remote via Zoom.

Present: Cllrs – Tom Bradley (Chair), Jon Bryan (Vice-Chair), Paul Baines, Charlotte Goldring, Jenny Lidsey and Eleanor Thorneycroft

The Clerk/RFO: Sarah Longbottom

0 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence: Ben Cowles
2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations for items on the agenda - None.
3. Youth and Recreation: To consider supplier and equipment at Blockley and Aston Magna play areas -  
Councillor Goldring gave an update and tried to share a graphic of a revised piece of equipment, screen sharing was not successful so revisions to the proposal were discussed. It was agreed that seeing similar equipment by the supplier was important to fully understand the aesthetics and dimensions. The supplier has play equipment at Broadway play area, so councillors are to arrange visits to Broadway and Churchill Close. The Clerk is to circulate dates for visiting Churchill Close to fully understand the possibilities of the site for a broader age range.

The proposal of new equipment at the Aston Magna play area was discussed and there was agreement that the proposal was a solid solution providing good value.

The maximisation of funds was considered and a proposal to assign budgets to the remaining play areas in January was discussed. The financial benefits of commissioning two play areas rather than just Aston Magna were considered. It was agreed that the supplier would be short sighted not to see the future opportunities with Blockley Parish Council’s rejuvenation of the parish play areas and the benefits of a good relationship.

The two proposed play equipment installations were voted on:

- One piece of multiuse play equipment targeted at 5 years and under to replace the fort at Churchill Close was refused; 2 votes in favour, 3 against and one abstention.
- Double tower, double swing set, spinner, basket swing and spica at Aston Magna at cost of £18,056.88 proposed by CG, seconded by TB, resolved by a unanimous vote.

It is understood that some of the financial reductions may not be upheld as the supplier has not been awarded the Churchill Close multiuse piece; CG is to discuss the financial implications with the supplier.

It was agreed that the Gloucestershire County Council Growing our Community grant is to be applied for requesting the swing equipment at a cost of £1,550; the Clerk is to complete the application before the end of the year.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2021, 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7:48pm.

Approved by Blockley Parish Council:

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