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Full Council Extraordinary Meeting, 31st January 2022 Minutes

Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting, held at Garstang Methodist Church, on Monday, 31 January 2022, 7.45pm.

Present

Chairman: Councillor Allan

Councillors present: Allan, Atkinson, Brooks, Halford, Hynes, Leech, Lees, Pearson and Webster

Also present: Town Clerk, Edwina Parry

Councillors Hogton and Salisbury were not present

224(2021-22) Apologies for absence

Councillor Mitchell

225(2021-22) Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Councillor Webster declared an 'another interest' She is a Wyre Council Brock with Catterall Ward Councillor.

Councillor Leech declared an 'another interest' He is a Wyre Council Wyresdale Ward Councillor.

226(2021-22) Public participation

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

Councillor Lees arrived at the meeting.

227(2021-22) Moss Lane Park, Councillors Atkinson, Allan and Hynes

Councillor Atkinson requested that part b) be taken first on the agenda The Clerk asked for the reason to support the change of order. The Council approved to take the agenda items as detailed in the agenda.

A. Play Park

Councillor Allan explained that over £50,000 had been spent to improve the playground at Moss Lane Park. Two pieces of installed equipment have never been satisfactory. There is an outstanding meeting with the supplier about the lining work and there is an outstanding decision to resolve the issues with the roundabout (grates on the base plate) and trampoline (floods with water, making it unusable)

He explained that it looked like the trampoline needed to be removed due to the drainage issues.

A lengthy discussion took place, between Councillors, which included:

- a) If all options had been explored with the supplier, Kompan to resolve the issues with the roundabout and trampoline .
- b) Had Wyre Council (contracted to procure the project and to act as Contract Administrator for the project) been asked for any assistance?
- c) Were the Town Council satisfied that all options had been pursued to look at the work of the contract and the warranty and that nothing more could be done.
- d) The RFO spoke about her concerns of spending public money when there was still outstanding follow up work to be resolved by the project team.
- e) The Council appreciated the work that Councillor Atkinson had done in trying to address the issues at Moss Lane Park.
- f) Outstanding lining work needs to be pursued by the project team.
- g) Press statement should be issued to let residents/visitors to provide an update.
- h) Council considered the proposal whereby 2 recommended suppliers had been contacted to seek out 2 pieces of equipment to replace the roundabout and the trampoline.

Resolved: The Town Council resolved not to proceed with option 3 of purchasing new playground equipment for the Park.

B. Football Pitch

Councillor Atkinson reported that the goal posts on Moss Lane Park have dipped in the centre substantially, which subsequently means that they now need to be replaced. The goals have been in situ for a number of years and are used annually for the Children's Festival Whit Cup.

Resolved: The Town Council purchases 2 new goal posts as per the information document circulated, at a total cost of £732.00 (net), plus delivery costs (not included) and £1,300 to fit the posts.

Financial regulations 11.1.h be suspended, based on the fact that the goal posts purchased from the same supplier for Kepple Lane Park have been of good quality.

The Town Council **further resolved** to delegate authority to the RFO, in consultation with Councillors Atkinson, Allan and Leech to arrange the fitting of the goal posts by the 21st May 2022, with the work to be carried out within budgetary restrictions (£5,816 in EMR 334, Moss Lane play project, and a further £4,000 budgeted for 2022/23 on Budget Code 4770).

The Meeting Finished at: 9.10pm