

Hemyock Parish Council
Meeting
held via Zoom at 8.00pm on 31st July 2020

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr T Barton (Chair), Mr R Calcraft, Mr P Doble (Vice Chair), Miss J Fouracre (part way through meeting), Miss P Lawrence (via telephone), Mr S Ritchie and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk).</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Mr S Clist (Parish & District Councillor), Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah and Mr A Russell (all received and approved)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda item 3 - Mr Ritchie has a pecuniary interest as he is the contractor completing the groundworks on behalf of the council. <p>Mr Ritchie requested a dispensation to speak at and stay in the meeting whilst the matter was discussed as he has detailed knowledge of the matter and the council would not be quorate without him being present.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Mr Ritchie is granted a dispensation to participate in the meeting but not vote on any issues raised.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Barton SECONDED: Mr Calcraft DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>3. <u>Longmead Play Area</u></p> <p>Mr Ritchie explained that whilst dismantling the play area in readiness for the new one to be installed it had become apparent that the existing fencing around the front and sides of the play area was rotten. He has contacted 9 fencing contractors in an effort to obtain 3 quotations but only 3 contacted him and none of them are able to do the works within the timescale required. Mr Ritchie advised the pc that it should consider using concrete posts instead of wooden ones to avoid future problems i.e. having to dig up the new wet pour surface to replace any rotten wooden posts.</p> <p>Mr Ritchie also advised that, although the wooden fencing at the rear of the play area is in very good condition, to avoid any future problems, as detailed above, a concrete edging should be put down in front of the existing wooden fence to act as an edging and protection strip to the wet pour surface.</p> <p>Mr Ritchie has offered to install the fencing and posts as described @ £25 per hour and the pc would be invoiced directly for materials. He estimates that with the additional edging the total cost to the pc should be £3,500-£4,000.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Due to the tight timescales involved (the pc does not wish to hold up the installation of the new play area) and the lack of availability of alternative fencing contractors the pc instructs Mr Ritchie to complete the fencing requirements for the play area.</p> <p>PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Miss Fouracre DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>5. <u>Date of next Meetings</u> Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.30pm (via Zoom)</p>	

Signed.....Dated.....