

Crowcombe Parish Council
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Minutes of Extra-Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held on Wednesday 12th April 2017 at the Playground, Crowcombe commencing at 7.00pm
(in a format to be presented for approval at the next meeting)

Present :

Cllrs M Smith (Chair), T Brooks (Vice), B Druitt, K Kenyon, A Trollope-Bellew, D Lock, J Laver
C Morrison-Jones (clerk)

43/17 Apologies of absence

J Laver sent apologies in advance for his late arrival

44/17 Public Participation

None

45/17 Declarations of Interest/Dispensations

A Trollope-Bellew (as owner of the land on which the playground is sited)

46/17 Planning

- a) **Consider application 3/07/17/005. Erection of a first floor extension to the east elevation. 2 Red Post Cottage, Flaxpool Hill, Crowcombe TA4 3HD**

M Smith, T Brooks and A Trollope-Bellew had previously attended an informal site visit. It was noted that the application had already been amended, on the advice of planners. It was unanimously agreed to support the application.

- b) **Consider application 3/07/17/007 Erection of extension and alteration to porch on the south elevation. Combe Orchard Farm, Little Quantock Lane, Crowcombe TA4 4AP**

No site visit was deemed necessary. It was noted that approval was granted in 2013 for two extensions of which only one was actually constructed – due to the siting of the proposed extension it was realised that natural daylight would be compromised. This application was a ‘substitute’ application, relocating the proposed extension to a more favourable side of the dwelling. It was unanimously agreed to support the application

47/17 Play Area

- a) **Weekly inspection reports – any issues highlighted**

No issues reported

J Laver arrived at the meeting at this point

- b) **Annual Playground Inspection – consider report**

Thanks were given to T Brooks who had prepared a document (circulated amongst councillors) that compared the playground inspection reports from 2016 to 2017. Councillors moved around the playground discussing each piece of equipment, and the modifications required, in turn – specific actions to be confirmed at the May meeting.

c) Replacing rubber grass tiles

J Laver had organised a contractor test lift of a section of grass tiles. It was found that the mats were in good condition and could be reused without the need to purchase new tiles. Work therefore continued lifting and relaying the tiles around agreed pieces of the play equipment. Councillors agreed that the standard of work was good and the desired result of reinstating the safety zones as requested in the annual inspection had been achieved in the finished areas. It was resolved that J Laver should ask the contractor to quote for work on the other areas of matting that had not been part of the first phase of repair.

J Laver left the meeting at this point

d) Consider grass cutting arrangements for 2017

No further quotes for the grass cutting had been received. It was resolved to ask the 2016 contractor to do the work for April and May to enable further discussion at the May meeting regarding the rest of the 2017 growing season

e) Any other matters regarding the playground

None

48/17 Finances - Payments to approve

- i) Mr G Topps, grass mats in playground -lift, clean, mend and refit £2172.00

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.10pm.

The next Parish Council meeting, the Annual Parish Council Meeting, will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017 in the Quantock Room, Crowcombe Hall, commencing at 7.30pm