

MINUTES of the Shaw Play Area Working Party of Melksham Without Parish Council held on Monday 3rd November 2014 at Crown Chambers at 7.40pm

Present: Cllrs. Richard Wood (Chair), John Glover (Vice-chair), Jan Chivers, Terry Chivers, Pat Nicol, Ian Tait.

Shaw Residents: Mark Ashkowski, Michelle Tattershall

Apologies: Cllr Coombes

268/14 **Welcome & Housekeeping:**

The Chairman stated that a fire drill was not planned and the escape route would be down the main staircase, and asked the two residents to introduce themselves.

Mark Ashkowski said that he was a resident of The Beeches, Shaw and that his daughter makes the most use of the play area.

Michelle Tattershall said that she was also a resident of The Beeches and that her children also use the park. Additionally she was part of the committee created to get two parks installed on the Katherine Park housing estate in Corsham.

269/14 **Declarations of Interest:**

The Clerk declared an interest as her husband had been asked to carry out some repairs to the park. Cllr Glover declared an interest as his grandchildren play on the football pitches at Shaw Playing Field.

270/14 **Co-option of two volunteer representatives from the local community:**

Mr. Ashkowski and Mrs. Tattershall were both co-opted onto the working party. The Chairman explained that their opinions would be listened to, but as non-elected members they would not have a vote.

271/14 **Response from Public Consultation held on Wednesday 29th October:**

The Clerk reported that the majority of those that responded both on the day and to the on-line survey would like to see additions to the play equipment. There were lots of requests and the Clerk reported from the consultation at the Play Area and from the MyEnvolve online survey that had been subsequently run.

272/14 **Recommendations for the Finance Committee and Full Council: *Recommended:***

1. *The Council invite specialist companies to advise on the current safety surfacing at Shaw Play Area to include repair, refurbish and replacement costs and viability options.*
2. *The Council repair the two wooden climbing frames in the Play Area in 2014/15.*
3. *The Council add £40,000 to the Precept for 2015/16 to fund, and match fund, for new play area equipment for Shaw Play Area to include scope for additional items of equipment in the Playing Field, for older children and adults.*

4. The Council apply to the Melksham Area Board (December meeting if possible) for match funding for 4 picnic benches and 3 seats. The 2 members of the public co-opted onto the Working Party to consult and advise on possible locations.

5. The Council refurbish the 2 existing benches in the Play Area.

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Date of next meeting:

The next meeting to be held on Monday 12th January at 7.00pm, Crown Chambers.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chairman, 8th December, 2014