

PAYHEMBURY PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
held online on Wednesday 19th August 2020 at 7.30pm

This meeting was held online (using Zoom) in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 act.

1. Apologies for absence: Cllr David Silver has resigned as a Parish Councillor wef 14th August 2020.
Present: Cllr Tim Cox (Chair), Cllr Rob Leach (Vice-Chair), Cllr Eva Ingleson, Cllr Phil Chamberlain, Dawn Chamberlain (Clerk), 12 members of the public
Absent: Cllr Clare Kimber
2. Declarations of interest: none declared.
3. Agree minutes of previous meeting: the minutes from the meeting on 8th July 2020 were agreed and signed.
4. Parish Council Administration:
 - a. The Councillor Vacancy and Co-option policy and procedure was adopted.
 - b. Five applications had been received for the vacant Parish Councillor role. Four of the candidates were present at the meeting and were each offered 2 minutes to give a brief speech about themselves. Three of them were successful in doing that, but problems with technology prevented the 4th candidate from being able to speak. After a couple of rounds of voting Kerron Allen was co-opted onto the Parish Council as a result of the Chairman's casting vote. Three of the unsuccessful candidates have agreed for their applications to go forward to the potential second casual vacancy co-option in September (subject to no by-election being called). Another application form has been received for that co-option, bringing the total to four candidates so far.
5. Public session: nothing was raised during the public session.
6. Playing fields improvement project (Project 1906): Cllr Chamberlain and Cllr Leach have been investigating options for the playing fields improvements and have spoken to two potential suppliers of equipment and received quotes from them. Cllr Chamberlain gave a report on the options and the idea of doing the improvements in phases due to the need to raise funds. The first phase proposed, for which funds are already available, was an improved and segregated toddler area for children up to about 5 years of age, goals for the football pitch and removal of existing fencing. The second phase would be a larger item, such as a zip-wire or aerial runway, for older children, but funds would need to be raised for that and subsequent phases. The Parish Council agreed:
 - a. to proceed with phase 1 for the toddler area and to approve, in principle, spending the currently earmarked £15k on this phase. This phase would include the removal of the existing fencing and the installation of new fencing just around the toddler area.
 - b. to approve the placing of an order with T. K. Play to deliver these changes.
 - c. to the formation of a working party to start the removal/clearance process in advance of the works. A number of councillors and members of the public present volunteered to help with the work. Cllr Chamberlain and Cllr Leach will organise the work required.
 - d. to approve in principal the additional phases of the scheme subject to affordability and to investigate sources of funding.

**The next meeting of Payhembury Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 9th September 2020
at 7.30pm (via Zoom)**