


Clowne Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting

	Meeting	Council Meeting
	Date of Meeting	Wednesday 7 th July 2021
	Council Meeting Start Time	6pm
	Meeting Venue	Council Chamber, Bolsover District Council, High Street, Clowne, S43 4JY
	In Attendance	Councillors A. Bailey, B. Bosworth, D. Dixon, M. Dixon, S. Gregory, N. Hoy, M. Hoy, G. Hughes, R. Walker, J. Wood, N. Yewman 8 Members of the public

Minute Number	Order of Business	Resolution	Decision
45/21	Apologies for Absence Councillor D. Salt – Work Commitments	It was moved by Councillor N. Hoy and seconded by Councillor A. Bailey that the apologies for absence be received and approved.	Agreed All in Favour
46/21	Confirmation that Attendance Register has been signed	The Clerk confirmed that the Attendance Register had been signed by all present.	
47/21	Notification of Unregistered Declarations of Pecuniary Interest	None Received	
48/21	Notification of Consideration of a Dispensation	None Received	



49/21	<p>To Receive a Report from the Clerk Relating to the Future Management and Operational Arrangements for Villa Park.</p> <p>Councillor Walker left the meeting.</p> <p>The Clerk referred Members to his written report which provided background and context to Villa Park and the issues/ problems being encountered.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the Clerk for the overview.</p> <p>Before opening the debate up to Members, the Chair asked whether Council would permit Members of the public to recount their experiences as some present at the meeting lived next to the park.</p> <p>A discussion took place.</p> <p>The meeting then moved back into Council session.</p> <p>The Council debated the need to keep the park as a publicly accessible green space but to balance this with the right to peace and quiet of the elderly neighbours on Recreation Close.</p> <p>Since the park was opened daily there have been increased incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour some of which have been serious.</p> <p>The Park is also used by Clowne Comets Junior Football Club who run weekly training and matches from under 9's to under 16s.</p> <p>The Club is run by local volunteers.</p> <p>The Clerk also referred to the Villa Park Masterplan which advocated further investment in terms of planting, park furniture and greater public access.</p>	<p>It was moved by Councillor Yewman and Seconded by Councillor D. Dixon that Standing Orders be temporarily suspended for this item to allow Members of the Public to speak on this item.</p> <p>It was moved by Councillor Yewman and second by Councillor D. Dixon that the Council agrees to the following measures;</p> <p>1) The Council removes the wooden play train from its current location and if in good enough condition to re-site on the Clowne Greenway on a suitable area next to the platform as a planted memorial tribute to the railway subject to approval by Derbyshire Countryside Service and Bolsover District Council Planning;</p> <p>2) The Clerk to look to design and purchase additional signage that allows for Clowne Comets FC practice and match days and times to be advertised at a suitable place next to the main entrance gate to the park;</p>	<p>Agreed All in Favour</p> <p>Agreed All in favour</p>
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	<p>A number of ideas were presented by Members to address some of the issues including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New moveable football goals for the under 16's pitch at the top end of the park which are moved when not needed by the Comets to prevent balls going over into neighbours' gardens. - Anti-Climb Mechanism for the main gate - CCTV coverage of the park as part of the Phase 2 Town Centre CCTV Scheme - Possible employment of a Park Ranger type position - Contacting the CAN Rangers and Police to see help tackle recent ASB - The need for additional entrance signage showing match days and times when the Comets are playing so that public can avoid those times - Poor condition of the wooden play train which had started to rot quite badly <p>A discussion took place about the opening and closing times of the main gate if Council decides to keep the current arrangements in place.</p>	<p>3) That the Clerk purchases and sites a cladded storage container next to the groundsman store on Villa Park subject to planning permission being secured (if required) and that the cost of these works is funded from the Villa Park Masterplan - Improvement Scheme Budget;</p> <p>4) That a CCTV camera for Villa Park is included in phase 2 of the Town Centre CCTV scheme;</p> <p>5) That the Park opening and closing times be set 9am until 6pm daily during the summer months and the matter be kept under review.</p> <p>6) That the Council undertakes fencing improvements works to the Villa Park boundary as required to secure the boundary and that the cost of these works is funded from the Villa Park Masterplan - Improvement Scheme Budget;</p> <p>7) That the Clerk be authorised to purchase movable full size football posts and nets for the top pitch to replace existing;</p>	
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