



**FLAMBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
22nd FEBRUARY 2016, 7.30 PM, WI HALL, FLAMBOROUGH**

Present: Councillors J Crossland (in the Chair), A. Grainger, V Leppington, B Maxwell, D Morton, Mrs M Sexton, Mrs C Taylor
Clerk, Lynne Dennis, recorded the minutes
33 members of the public

35/16 To receive apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Councillors P Couzens, R Sellick, and Ward Councillors Matthews and Milns.

36/16 Code of Conduct:

(a) To record Declarations of Pecuniary/non-Pecuniary Interests by any member of the Council in respect of the agenda items listed below. Members declaring interests should identify the agenda item and type of interest being declared:

Any declarations of interest made by Councillors are recorded at the appropriate Minute.

(b) To note dispensations given to any member of the Council in respect of agenda items below:

None

37/16 Public Participation Session:

A number of residents were in attendance at the meeting to put points for and against the proposal to allow an area of village green land to be fenced off for use by the pre-school for outdoor learning activities.

- Councillor Crossland noted that since the agenda and supporting papers were issued, changes to the height and type of material of the proposed fence had been suggested if this was a sticking point for opposers.
- It was noted that these revised plans had not been seen as yet. It was asked why Ofsted had changed specifications required for fences? In response it was noted that Ofsted prefer to see a fence of enough height to safeguard children to prevent them getting out or being removed, therefore the height of the fence needs to be sufficient to comply with these requirements.
- It was asked if the children were not supervised if a fence was required. It was confirmed that the children are supervised at all times and their safety was paramount.
- It was asked why the hand standing area immediately outside the WI Hall could not be utilised for the children to play on if it was resurfaced as other play areas are. In response it was noted that a grassed area would be preferable for open play to prevent injuries.
- It was asked if the fence had already been approved? Councillor Crossland confirmed that it had not and that was the purpose of this meeting.
- It was asked if the land in question was public land? Councillor Crossland confirmed that it was.
- It was asked if the application was on behalf of and would benefit a private enterprise? Councillor Crossland responded that the Pre-School is a charity and not a private enterprise.

- Councillor Crossland asked if the opposition was as a point of law or for other reasons? It was noted that it was for cosmetic reasons amongst others.
- It was commented that the land should be for the use of all people.
- It was noted that of approximately 8,600 square metres of registered village green land, only about 0.06% would be fenced off by this proposal.

Councillor Morton presented to the council and public a precis of information received from ERYC, ERNLLCA and legal representation on behalf of the SLCC to allow clear understanding of all relevant points.

Bernie Clark (Play and Early Years Project Officer ERYC) addressed the council and public. She noted that in response to a query as to replacing existing concrete surfacing with wetpour would be considerably more expensive than putting up fencing. She further explained the importance of outdoor play and exercise from a young age to combat the increasing problem of obesity.

The meeting was then closed to the public.

38/16 To approve request to erect fencing around an area of village green grass land adjacent to the WI Hall for Flamborough Pre-School:

RESOLVED: (All in favour) that Flamborough Pre-School be given permission to erect fencing around a section of village green land adjacent to the WI Hall.

Signed as a true and correct record *J. Crossland* Date 7th March 2016
Chairman, Councillor J. Crossland