

COGENHOE & WHISTON PARISH COUNCIL

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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) (Amendment) Regulations 2020, this meeting will be held by video conference call.

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Cogenhoe & Whiston Parish Council held on Monday 15th March 2021 by video conference call.

214. Open forum

No members of the press or public attended the meeting.

215. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from

Cllr Biggs, Cllr Grubb, Cllr Packer & Cllr Usher.

Present -

Cllr Bailey (Chairman), Cllr Brown (left the meeting at 7.45pm), Cllr Cunnington, Cllr Darby, Cllr Scott, Cllr Stanton, & the Clerk.

216. To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or non-statutory disclosable interests from Councillors for items on the agenda.

None

217. To sign the minutes of the meeting held on **1st March 2021**.

The **minutes** of the meeting held on 1st March 2021 were **signed**.

218. Playing fields

-To receive **update** from Chairman on site visit from Total play & subsequent conversations with the cricket club. (Summary Report circulated prior to the meeting).

The Chairman **reported** from a recent on-site visit with the installation company during which concerns had been raised about the skate park being a hazard when the cricketers were playing (Railings are a trip hazard) and also proximity to the children's play area. The conclusion drawn was that removing the skate park would enable the wicket to be moved further north towards York Avenue allowing the football pitch to moved south thereby accommodating both sports

facilities. Acknowledgement was made that cricket balls heading in the direction of York Avenue could be a potential hazard but that it would be the Cricket Club's responsibility to mitigate this risk in liaison with the Parish Council's village hall committee. Question was also asked about accommodating both football & cricket and the problems this has thrown up. The football club are really keen to play at Cogenhoe so it was agreed every effort to accommodate should be made. Further discussion took place about the location of the wicket, but a different solution could not be found.

-To **approve** removal of the skate park at maximum cost of £3500, 50% to be paid by Cricket Club.

The Clerk advised that only 2 quotes had been obtained as despite contacting several companies only 2 had submitted a quote. Whilst financial regulations suggest 3 quotes should be obtained despite best efforts at third had not been submitted. In accordance with Financial Reg 11.1 (iv) this is not required if it is for 'work to be executed or goods or materials to be supplied which constitute an extension of an existing contract by the council'. As the recommendation now was that Total Play who are installing the wicket complete these works there is an existing contract with the Parish Council in place.

The Clerk advised that the quote above did not include the levelling and seeding work to the skate park area and if these are added the quotes are comparable. Clearly it will be much easier if one company are doing all the work.

It was therefore **proposed** and **resolved** that Total Play be asked to remove the skate park, level & seed the area at a maximum cost of £5000 (50-% to be paid by the cricket club).

-To **approve** remedial works to football pitch to remove old lines & repair goal mouth at cost of -

Top soil & seed (to fill existing lines, skate park & around daffodils Piece path) £580 +VAT

Labour costs to fill pitch lines 8 hours @ £9.50 = £76

As soil & seed for the skate area was now included in the above, the cost to purchase top soil & grass seed (including seed to put around the daffodils along The Piece path) would be reduced to a maximum of £350.

It was **proposed** and **resolved** that this be approved.

-To **approve** purchase of pair of removable goal posts at cost of £2030 + VAT (Grant of £1200 applied for).

It was **proposed** and **resolved** that this be approved.

219. Meeting closed and date of next meeting-

There being no further business the **meeting closed at 8.05pm.**

Wednesday 7th April 2021 7.30pm –Council Meeting, Village Hall, Cogenhoe (if face to face meetings are permitted).



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Parish Clerk 16.3.21