

MINUTES OF THE **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF EVERSLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD BY VIDEOCONFERENCE AT 7.30pm ON THURSDAY 16th JULY 2020.**

PRESENT: Cllr A McNeil (Chairman, AM)
Cllr S Dickens (SD)
Cllr E Dixon (ED)

ALSO PRESENT: 2 residents and Mrs J Routley (Clerk)

ACTIONS

- 44 Apologies for Absence
Cllr P Todd and Cllr K Neville were absent.
- 45 Declarations of Interest
There were no declarations of interest declared.
- 46 Minutes of the Last Meeting
Receipt of Minutes
The minutes of the meeting of Eversley Parish Council held on **Tuesday 7th July 2020** had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes be approved and signed by the Chairman (*note these will be signed electronically and signed in person at the next Council meeting held in person*).

AM AM

- 47 Public Questions and Comments
Re-opening Play Areas A resident said she understood why the Council had felt that there was too great a risk in reopening the children's play areas. However, in her view, this was misplaced as she was convinced that parents would take responsibility for the safety of their children by observing the essential Covid-19 guidelines. She added that she would be more than happy to help with cleaning etc in order that the play areas could be reopened.

Another resident expressed similar views and emphasised how much the play areas were a benefit for the whole community: it would be a real loss not to have them available, particularly in the summer.

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending, for giving their views, and for their kind offers of help.

- 48 Play Areas
On 7th July, after reviewing a Covid-19 Risk Assessment, EPC had taken the decision that the four play areas remain closed because the Parish Council did not have the resources to implement and police Government Covid-19 guidelines. Since that meeting, the Clerk had circulated further guidance from HALC and NALC on implementation of the government's guidelines; and she had also circulated a report of how other local councils were approaching the reopening of play areas. In light of this further information the Council reviewed the decision to keep the play areas closed.

RESOLVED

- To re-open the play areas on 17th July 2020 subject to erection of appropriate signage that summarises how to stay Covid-safe .
- To update the Risk Assessment to include the signage mitigation as above.

There being no further items for discussion the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm

Chairman.....Date.....

The next Meeting will be confirmed – Virtual Meetings will be scheduled if, and when, required.

Forward Plan

Date	Meeting	Draft Items
TBC	Full Council	