

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF HADDENHAM PARISH COUNCIL held on Friday 18th July 2014 at 7.30pm at the Arkenstall Village Centre, Station Road, Haddenham, Cambs.

Attendance: Cllrs Goddard, Haigh, Hugo, Lyon (Chairman), Norman, Page, Parr, Smith, G Wilson and P Wilson

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr Cheetham – on holiday and Cllr Tindall – personal commitment.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr Ian Ashmeade wished to address the Council regarding Agenda Item 5.

Mrs Kate Page wished to address the Council regarding Agenda Item 4.

It was agreed both residents should be allowed to speak whilst the items were being discussed.

4. **ALDRETH PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED ITEMS**

Cllr Lyon explained that when the Haddenham Play Area had been refurbished the Council had agreed that Aldreth Play Area and Newtown Pocket Park would also be looked at in due course and KOMPAN was the chosen company to work with the Council on the projects. Cllr G Wilson had been progressing the refurbishment of Aldreth and the purpose of this meeting was to put the plans and costs in front of the Council for final agreement.

Mrs Page was pleased that the funding had been secured to update the play area but had concerns regarding the plan as she felt most of the new equipment was aimed at a much younger age group and there would be very little for children from 5 – 11 years old. Cllr Wilson explained that he had carried out an extensive survey of every house in Aldreth and Tinderbox Pre-School, obtaining completed forms not only from parents but also the children and the plans had been based on that information. The overall wish was that it would be a zoo themed scheme aimed at up to 12 year olds. The survey had also been crucial to demonstrate the opinions of residents and their children when applying for grant funding.

After some debate Cllr Page proposed and Cllr Haigh seconded that subject to acceptable repairs and shrouding to the existing rocking horse it should be left in situ, also the existing swings and large slide. The new pony seesaw to be removed from the plan and the siting of the new equipment to be shuffled around to accommodate leaving the previously mentioned existing items of equipment in. Motion carried by a show of 7 hands. Cllr Parr was against and Cllrs G & P Wilson abstained.

Cllr G Wilson and Cllr Lyon will go back to KOMPAN to discuss the above changes as soon as possible.

Cllr G Wilson also advised that Matta Products are holding some coloured safety surfacing tiles, which were taken out at Haddenham and these will be interspersed with new black tiles when the surfacing is replaced.

The overall cost of the project will be £19,900 and funding will be made up as follows:

Awards For All	£10,000
Section 106	£7500