

CURRY MALLET PARISH COUNCIL
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Curry Mallet Parish Council
held on 24th October 2017 in the Curry Mallet and Beercrocombe Village Hall, Curry Mallet.

Present: Mr P McKeown (Chairman), Mr R J Allard, Mr D R Beck, & Mr G K Townrow

In Attendance: No members of the public were present

1544. Declarations of Interest

Mr Allard reminded members that he was Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

1545. Apologies for Absence

Mr Frazer who is currently away

1546. To approve Expenditure of up to £5,000 for the provision and installation of Play Equipment and associated ground works relating to a Basket Swing and Agility Trail; the costs to be financed primarily from Section 106 monies granted for the Lyddons Farm Barns Re-development.

Elements of the expenditure were discussed

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| Wooden Framed Basket swing | £1,722 |
| Installation | £440 |
| Safety Surface | £855 |

£3,017

Agility Trail (Inc installation) £1,275

Groundworks & Landscaping £700 (2 days digger hire £160, Labour £240, Digger Transport £40) & plants

Total £4,992

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The locations of the equipment within the Village Hall grounds were discussed and compared with the plans supplied by SSDC Leisure Services. It was agreed some relocation of equipment from the SSDC proposed locations would be advantageous, subject to confirmation that Village Hall users would still have sufficient outside space (primarily the Fly Fishing Group). Mr Beck to discuss with the hirer. The professional help, guidance and patience obtained from SSDC is very much appreciated by the Parish Council.

It was also noted that the Duchy of Cornwall needed to grant permission for the equipment to be located on its land and a landscape drawing of the layout had been requested. Mr Townrow to ask a former local resident to prepare such a drawing as the SSDC Leisure Services' material was confined to a technical ground-plan drawing.

It was proposed by Mr Townrow, seconded by Mr Beck and agreed by all those present to approve expenditure of up to £5,000 + VAT for provision and installation of play equipment as detailed above.

It was noted that the Council would be able to reclaim retrospectively, the VAT elements of the cost, so cash-flow in the timing of payment of invoices would need close management.

Members of the Council undertook to explain the proposed scheme and its rationale to the community's families with young children; an article would be prepared for the November issue of the Parish newsletter.

The issue of insurance liability for the equipment will be considered in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee, as will the envisaged routine inspection regime for the equipment and its ground area, between the quarterly professional inspections to be undertaken by SSDC.

It was noted that the Play Area had been referred to the Duchy's Land Steward, in relation to inclusion of additional wording in the new Lease's Heads of Conditions.

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday November 13th at 19:30 in the Village Hall