

PRESENT:

Councillors: Jane Costello, F Purdue-Horan, J Stockwood, M Stockwood, S Hull, R Bird, G Williams, Jim Costello, J Best, P Moskwa and K Vallance

Officers: S Pyke (Town Clerk) and J Riddle (Deputy Clerk)

Also in attendance: 3 Members of Public and 2 representatives from Proludic (part of meeting)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor G Davidson and Councillor A Shelton due to illness and Councillor S Orr due to a prior commitment.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P Moskwa declared an interest in item 5, as the Chair of Bingham Community Parks Project.

3. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 16 April 2019, Folios 9274 to 9278, having been circulated prior to the meeting, were taken as read, approved and signed by the Mayor.

It was agreed by all Councillors, that on reviewing the minutes, a letter of thanks should be sent to Margaret Jolley for the work that she did completing the staff review.

5. ORCHARD PLAY PARK

The Council reviewed the 'snagging' list of identified issues, some of which could be rectified through remedial works, others relate to design changes which were not communicated and the remainder were outside the scope of the tender. The changes to the toddler area are the cause of most concern as it is to the detriment of play value.

Disappointment was expressed that this wasn't the play park design that the tender evaluation group consisting of Councillors and representatives from the Bingham Community Parks Project had bought in to and recommended to Council. There was also frustration that the opening event had to be cancelled with the play park remaining closed. Whilst the play park remains fenced off and closed, it is the responsibility of the contractor, Proludic.

It was agreed that Proludic, in the first instance, should be afforded the opportunity to rectify their work and that there was a desire to work collaboratively to achieve this. Time is of the essence; but time pressures should not take precedence over the quality of the play park.

Standing orders were suspended at 7.39pm to allow members of the Bingham Community Parks Project and the Council's Playpark Consultant to speak.

Following the review of the 'snagging list', the Council invited the two representatives from Proludic to the Council Chamber. The representatives apologised for what has happened, especially as Bingham is on their 'own door-step'; with a number of their employees living in and around Bingham. They spoke about what had gone wrong, that the refurbishment hadn't been project managed closely enough, the topography of the site hadn't been fully considered especially in terms of spoils, there was a discrepancy with the site measurements which impacted the design delivery and communication had broken down between Proludic and their contractors.

All line items were reviewed. In regard to the items categorised as remedial ground works, it was confirmed that materials could be bought onto site to complete a lot of levelling works with turf laid before the protective matting is re-placed. The two mounds outside of the fenced area were discussed and a height of 60cm was agreed, as acceptable. All works would be at Proludic's cost.

The fenced toddler area requires a more considered re-design due in part because of the reduction in the amount of space. The Proludic representatives sought to establish whether there was a clear desire for creating the natural, free play or whether the space could instead be used to install play equipment. Items of equipment to enhance the play park and to add play value were a trampoline and a natural wooden climbing apparatus.

A list of immediate remedial ground works would be sent to the Council for review the following day. The re-design of the fenced toddler area and ideas for additional equipment to enhance the site would follow. Any additional equipment would need to be manufactured.

Time is a concern, it was therefore

RESOLVED: that Councillors P Moskwa and J Stockwood would work with Proludic, via the Clerk, to agree a plan to move forward, on the remedial grounds works, confirmed as acceptable, at this evening's meeting and that Proludic would submit a revised design plan for the toddler fenced area and ideas to enhance the site for Full Council's consideration on 14 May 2019.

It was agreed to note particular thanks to the members of the Bingham Community Parks Project and to the Council's play park consultant, Mr L Sycamore.

Standing orders were re-instated at 9.33pm

6. **INVOICES**

It was **RESOLVED:** to make approve the payment of £3,561.55 to Blachere Illumination.

7. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE NEXT BUSINESS, THE FOLLOWING
RESOLUTION WAS PROPOSED, SECONDED AND CARRIED:

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw”

The following matters were discussed:-

- Confidential notes from the meeting of the Full Council on 16 April 2019

RESOLVED: that the notes and recommendations be approved.

- Staff Matters –

RESOLVED: that in line with Standing Orders, the Deputy Clerk be named as Proper Officer for this item.

RESOLVED: that the outstanding overtime payments for the Clerk and Deputy Clerk be approved.

Meeting Closed at: 9.35pm

.....CHAIRMAN

Date: