

Kingston Parish Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting held at 6.00pm on Thursday 21
May 2020

This was a virtual meeting, held on-line using Zoom for audio and video

James Clear (JCI)
Julie Conder (JCo)
Sue Dalglish (SD)
Katherine Reid (KR)
Peter Stokes, Clerk

1. Apologies

Miki Ellar

2. Closure of recreation ground

2.1. At the Parish Council meeting on 12 May 2020 it was decided that the whole of the recreation ground would remain closed (minute 4.3).

2.2. Following representations from parents, it was agreed to reconsider this decision.

2.3. It was proposed that the 'play equipment' area could be separated from the rest of the recreation ground by a temporary fence. This would enable closure of the play equipment area whilst leaving the remaining grassed area open for use. It was felt that this was within government legislation, which required the closure of 'playgrounds' but allowed parks and sports pitches to remain in use providing social distancing requirements were practiced by users.

2.4. After some discussion it was proposed to purchase and erect the temporary fencing. It was proposed that the play equipment area would remain closed, but the grassed area would be opened for use, subject to government restrictions which limit games or social gatherings to either members of the same household, or a maximum of two people who must maintain social distancing of at least 2 metres. It was proposed that the signage would be changed to reflect these changes. These proposals were agreed by a vote of 3 'for' to 1 'against'.

3. Invoice from Ivan Cooper £53.00 internal audit fee. Agreed for payment.

4. Email from Extinction Rebellion offering free oak saplings. Agreed to reject as KPC did not wish to align itself or be associated with a politically-motivated group.

Meeting finished at 18:20.

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