

## EASEBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Easebourne Parish Council held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30pm in The Refectory, Easebourne

#### Present Councillors:

Trevor Baker (TB), H Grantham (HG), A Guyatt (AG), S Lloyd (SL), C Moller (CM), M Noble (MN), D Pack (DP)

#### In attendance:

District Councillor F Hobbs (FH), Parish Clerk S Hurr (SH) and two members of the public.

1 **Apologies for Absence:** Parish Councillor J Galego and County Councillor M Brown

2 **Playground:** HG explained that the Parish Council has received a claim for an alleged incident involving the roundabout in the playground. The playground had undergone a full 'ROSPA' inspection in the previous month and Parish Councillor weekly inspections have been taking place. As a precaution the roundabout has been fenced off. The incident is now with the Parish Council's insurers who are awaiting further instruction. A discussion took place and it was concluded that the Parish Council is not liable for this claim and this instruction should be issued to the insurers, this was proposed by AG, seconded by MN and agreed by all.

**Action:** HG to forward the above instruction to the insurers.

HG further explained that the Parish Council lease for the playground terminates in March next year and the Parish Council now needs to consider planning the removal of the equipment. HG suggested that the process of gaining formal quotations should begin now for approval at the next Parish Council meeting, the council will then be well placed to remove the equipment in good time as we are nearing the winter months and plans for the new playground are gathering pace. HG proposed we should aim to identify a contractor at the following the November meeting, this was seconded by CM and agreed by three Councillors with one against and one abstention.

**Action:** SH to gain quotations for the removal of the equipment (demolition companies/scrap metal merchants)

3 **New Homes Bonus (Agreement):** MN explained that further to the Parish Council's application for a grant from the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) 2016/17 as discussed at the last meeting of the Parish Council, an 'Agreement' from Chichester District Council had now been received. MH read out the full Agreement relating to the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations) 2016/17 and sought agreement that the Parish Council will comply with the terms of the grant of the New Homes Bonus (Parish Allocations). HG proposed that the terms of the grant listed within the Agreement should be accepted, this was seconded by TB and agreed by all.

**Action:** SH to forward the agreement to the terms of the grant to Chichester District Council

4 **Burial Ground 'Tidy-up':** A discussion was held regarding the 'Tidy-up' of the Burial Ground which is scheduled to take place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November from 9.00 until 13.00 and whether the Parish Council should request support from Darren Rolfe from West Sussex County Council for this activity. It was decided that the Parish Council has sufficient experience to run this volunteer project and should take responsibility for this event, reserving Darren and his expertise for the installation of the planned village gateways.

**Action:** SH to inform Darren Rolfe of this decision and thank him for his kind offer.

5 **Date for next meeting:**

7.30pm Wednesday 9th November 2016

Easebourne Parish Council Meeting (in The Refectory behind St Mary's Church)

Signed.....  
Holly Grantham  
Chairman

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016