Minutes of the meeting of Templeton Community Council

Held in Play Park, Templeton, Car Park, Village Green, 30th July 2018

Present: Cllrs Peter Morgan (Chair), Liz Burns, Barbara Priest, Mark Simpkins, Elwyn Morse (for part of meeting). Mr. Burns and Mr. Bannister were also present in an advisor capacity.

The meeting had been called to examine and discuss the state of the swing seat timber supports in the Play Park, as well as the general state of it.

The meeting began with a discussion around the swing seat in the Play Park, considering the state of the timber supports. The report from PCC regarding the rot was provided, and the timbers were individually examined. It was agreed that only one of the supports was showing evidence of internal rot, and needing replacement. This would be requested from the original timber suppliers, and would be installed in the autumn after the timber had had a chance to season. Councillors noted that a similar issue of a rotting timber raised by PCC had been resolved in this way in Kilgetty.

In the meantime the Council agreed to instigate a programme of anti-fungal treatment for all the timber in the Play Park, which would be followed by a programme of more general wood preservative treatment. This would be done in such a way as to minimise when the Play Park would have to be closed to users. The Clerk would advise PCC of this programme.

Detailed inspection of various items of the play equipment were also done, reviewing the latest report from PCC. The shackles for the swing seat had been reported as seized by the PCC inspectors, but closer inspection showed they needed minor tightening, as well as greasing before the seat was re-installed.

The bench with a concrete base lacked a seat on one side - it was agreed this would be replaced as soon as possible. Then the whole item would be treated, as for the other timber. The Council noted that the latest report from PCC noted the aerial runway timber as slippery, when in fact it was rubber coated.

Various items lacked the cap covers - the Clerk would supply these for fixing where necessary. The Council were informed that spare bearings for the roundabout might be available, for which they were grateful.

Mr. C Bannister left at this point, and the meeting moved to the Car Park. It was agreed that when the opportunity arose the surface would be raised and levels in order to eliminate the pooling water. At this point it was also noted that the land behind the houses in Poyers Grove and the Play Park has at least one sizable outbreak of Japanese Knotweed, plus Himalayan Balsam. The Clerk was requested to report this to Network Rail (since it was on their land) and also to Ateb for information.

The meeting then moved to the Green, and the new piece of land adjacent. The requirements for the grass cutting contract were confirmed, and the layout for the new car park planned in outline.

The meeting finished at 8.10pm.