

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF
MINSHULL VERNON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD AT LEIGHTON ACADEMY, MINSHULL NEW ROAD, LEIGHTON, CREWE ON 8 MARCH 2016**

PRESENT: Councillor Les Horne Chairman
Councillor M McGlone Vice-Chairman

Councillor W T Beard Councillor R Lee
Councillor Linda Horne Councillor M Stanley
Councillor P Wright

APOLOGIES: Councillors J Cunningham, D Ridings, D Kay, C Stringer, K Stringer

161 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members were invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest which they had in any item of business on the agenda, the nature of that interest, and in respect of disclosable interests, to leave the meeting prior to the discussion of that item.

No declarations were made.

162 PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT – JAMES ATKINSON WAY (MINUTE NO. 125)

At the meeting held on 22 February 2016, it was reported that ANSA (independent arm of Cheshire East Council) had received information from the supplier of the play equipment for James Atkinson Way. The company recommended the use of an HPL material and could supply this as the alternative to the wood, at no increase in cost. An HPL finish was more robust and would require less maintenance. The Parish Council had been invited to consider changing the specification from that ordered, and substituting the HPL.

At that meeting, it was also reported that Bentley Motors was making a grant of £48,000 available to upgrade the equipment in this play area. For this reason, the Parish Council was of the view that the funding allocated by the Parish Council for play equipment could be better-used on other schemes, if this funding from Bentley Motors was likely to be available in the near future.

Although Members were minded to approve the HPL finish, the resolution was to defer any decision, until clarification was sought in respect of the availability of this grant. The latest information indicated that this funding would not be available for two-three years and the Parish Council could now make an informed decision on this matter.

Subsequent to the above, ANSA had made contact with the Chairman of the Parish Council stating that to ensure that the price was held at that quoted (for the wooden material) a decision was required urgently and could not wait until the April Parish Council meeting.

The Parish Council was, therefore, asked to confirm the order as previously placed, but substituting HPL material for the wooden construction.

RESOLVED: That the order for play equipment for James Atkinson Way, as approved on 21 December 2015, be confirmed in the sum of £9,500, but with the substitution of HPL material.

.....Chairman

The meeting commenced at 7.15 pm and concluded at 7.20 pm