

**Minutes of the Parks & Open Spaces Committee Meeting
held on Monday 8th April 2024 at 6.00pm at The Beechfield Centre,
Beechfield Road, Fremington**

Present: Cllrs S Adams (Chairman), J Bell, D Dixon, R Jones and M Thomas

Mrs V Woodhouse, Executive Officer

2404/01 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr N Denton.

2404/02 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

2404/03 **Public Participation Period**

None.

2404/04 **Minutes**

It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

2404/05 It was **resolved** that under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information.

PART B

2404/06 **Ellerslie Road Play Area**

a) To consider supporting the transfer of the freehold of the land used by the 50th North Devon Scouts.

Members were informed that Officers of the North Devon Council had suggested a proposal to transfer the freehold of the land owned by North Devon Council and sub-leased by the Parish Council to the 50th North Devon Scouts for a peppercorn to the 50th North Devon Scouts. The transfer of the freehold would enable the Scouts to apply for and secure further grant funding to assist with the replacement of the current building on the land which is owned by the Scouts. It was noted that the proposal would require consent from NDC's Strategy and Resource Committee and as part of the transfer a right of way for the Scouts over the Ellerslie Road Playing Field would need to be granted to the Scouts. It was **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support the proposal to transfer the freehold of the land sub-leased to the 50th North Devon Scouts to the Scouts.

b) To consider accepting the transfer of the freehold of the playing field and play area.

In conjunction with the above proposal the NDC Officers had also asked if the Parish Council would like to accept the transfer of the remainder of the Ellerslie Road Playing Field on peppercorn purchase basis. It was noted that this proposal would also require consent from NDC's Strategy and Resource Committee, and the Parish Council would need to pay its associated legal fees. Members discussed the proposal. It was further noted that the Parish Council already undertakes the maintenance for the area and **resolved**, with no votes to the contrary, to support and accept the transfer of the freehold of the Ellerslie Road Playing Field on a peppercorn basis.

The meeting closed at 6.11pm.

Signed: Dated: