

MINUTES

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Kingsmead Parish Council Parks and Environment Committee held on Monday 4th August

Present: Cllr Herring, Cllr Hoey, Cllr Jewitt, Cllr Swift (Chair), Cllr Weltman
Also present: Mrs W Maddock (Clerk & RFO)

The meeting started at 7.31pm.

076	Apologies Cllr Logan (holiday), Cllr Reed (family)						
077	Declarations of Interest No declarations of interest were made.						
078	Public Forum No members of the public were present.						
079	<p>Coronet Pond</p> <p>To consider and approve if any actions should be taken at Coronet pond to maintain the water level at an acceptable depth to support its wildlife.</p> <p>Noted – that the water levels in the pond are being regularly monitored by council members and the council’s pond contractor, and that the levels have dropped quite significantly in the last 2-3 weeks. This has also been raised as a concern by a number of local residents. Water quality testing is currently being done more frequently than normal and the testing was demonstrated to the committee by Cllr Swift. These tests show the water quality is currently OK but are on the margins of being acceptable. It was noted that the weather forecast is for more warm, dry weather in the next fortnight, which is likely to cause further evaporation of water. The committee also discussed the potential risks of adding water to the pond, which include contamination, the introduction of predatory fish and cost.</p> <p>Resolved – that action should be taken now to prevent any detrimental effect on the ponds wildlife. It was approved for the pond contractor to add river water to the pond at a cost of £1450 per day (plus VAT). An initial “topping-up” should be carried out immediately, with approval in-principle given for additional days if this is deemed necessary.</p>						
080	<p>Play Areas</p> <p>To receive an update regarding damage to play equipment at Kensington Way Park and to note actions being taken with regard to other timber play equipment.</p> <p>Noted – that part of the trim trail at Kensington Way park had collapsed on the 29th of July, after being vandalised by a group of teenagers. The Clerk organised an emergency call out with Northwich Town Council to tidy up the area, remove all the damaged timber and make safe the play equipment – this was carried out on the 30th at a cost of £104 (plus VAT). Inspection of the damaged timber shows there may have been some internal rot, which is difficult to identify on routine inspections. The PC will now investigate if resistograph testing should be undertaken of all its timber play equipment.</p>						
081	AOB There were no agenda items requested for future meetings.						
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The meeting closed at 8pm.