

**TIBSHELF PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2005, 7pm**

Recorded by Cllr. T. Watson, 2 November 2005

Present:

Cllrs. A. Beckett, A.J. Boyer (Chair), D. Brindley, M. Coupe, G. Foley, R. Heffer, M. Pope, P. Rhodes, P. Trevelyan, G. Wallis, T. Watson (Vice Chair)

Part time: Members of the public, Messrs. Steve Singleton, Dave Whittaker and Matthew Connolly (BDC)

Item	Note	Proposed by	Seconded by	Action	By
1.0	1.1 The special meeting was convened: a) To discuss the condition of the Parish Play Areas b) To discuss recommendations for action resulting from discussions				
2.0	2.1 The meeting opened with members of the public and representatives from Bolsover district Council present following the preceding Play Areas sub-committee meeting 2.2 Cllr. Boyer advised that the council will work for the best interests of the people of the parish				
3.0	3.1 The Chair asked for press and members of the public to be excluded for the agenda items on legal grounds. The public were asked to vacate the room while the council debated the reasons. The council agreed that the meeting be held <i>in camera</i> and that public be welcome at the next monthly parish meeting on 15 November 2005. The press and members of the public were excluded from the meeting room				
4.0	4.1 As an emergency item for discussion, the Chair asked that the council give him the mandate to accept the formal resignation of the Parish Clerk and Village Hall Co-ordinator, Mr Paul Britland. This was granted. 4.2 The council heard that Mr Britland was expected to serve a formal one-month notice period ending on 30 November 2005. Mr Britland is currently on sick leave.	RH	MC		
5.0	Condition of the parish play areas and recommendations for action 5.1 A copy of the RoSPA report of it's audit on the condition of the play areas, dated 20.05.05 was given to each councillor for				

<p>perusal</p> <p>5.2 Cllr. Boyer summarised the sequence of events since 26 October 2005 which led to equipment being removed from both the Sunny Bank and Lincoln street sites and safety fencing being erected around the Sunny Bank site, because of the conditions and disrepair and immediate danger to the public.</p> <p>5.3 Cllr Coupe, backed by the majority of the council endorsed the action taken. Cllr Beckett abstained from the endorsement.</p> <p>5.3 The requirements of <i>British Standard BS EN 1176-7, Playground Equipment – Guidance on installation, inspection, maintenance and operation</i>, were discussed</p> <p>5.4 Debate was held on whether the Lincoln Street and Sunny Bank sites should be fenced to prevent entry until a thorough inspection of the remaining facilities had been inspected and where necessary, repaired.</p> <p>5.5 Cllr. Heffer proposed, seconded by Cllr. Coupe, that RoSPA should be called back to carry out a thorough inspection of the three sites.</p> <p>5.6 The council agreed that:</p> <p>5.6.1 RoSPA be contracted to carry out an immediate inspection and provide recommendations for the three sites</p> <p>5.6.2 That, on receipt of the RoSPA report a special council meeting be convened to review and implement any recommendations contained therein</p> <p>5.6.3 The safety fence should remain in place around the Sunny Bank site until such time that the site was safe</p> <p>5.6.4 It was unnecessary to erect fencing around the Derwent Drive and Lincoln Street sites as they contain minimal equipment with no apparent medium / high risk hazards</p> <p>5.6.5 The foundation of the removed 'see-saw' on the Lincoln Street site be covered with asphalt to remove any remaining hazard</p> <p>5.7 The council were unanimous that a Play Areas <i>Safety Management Plan</i> be</p>	<p>TW / RH</p>	<p>PT</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>AJB</p> <p>AJB / Ranger</p>	<p>Immediately</p> <p>On receipt of report</p> <p>Immediately</p>
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	<p>formulated and implemented before the Sunny Bank site is reopened. Cllr. Beckett agreed to seek advice from BDC on the matter</p> <p>5.8 Cllr Beckett stated that safety management and maintenance would require funding. Cllr Watson suggested that the play areas subcommittee consider the issue and make proposals to the council as an agenda item</p>			<p>AB</p> <p>Play area sub-committee</p>	<p>2 Nov. 05</p> <p>Next Parish Meeting</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>				