

GREAT SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes

Emergency Meeting of Councillors re asbestos and elections

Held at 6 The Hectare on Monday 11th March 2019 at 1900

1. Present: Councillors Mike Nettleton (Chair - MN), Malcolm Watson (MW), Barrie Ashurst (BA), Roberto Gherseni (RG), Barbara Kettel (BK), Judith Wilson (JW), Ian Kydd (IK), and Simon Talbott (ST)
2. Asbestos:
 - Discovered under car park, soft area and a couple of other places. Could be from old roof, old dairy or Nissan huts and is around 6"/12" deep. Don't know the extent.
 - Clerk, MW and BA made the site safe and inspectors have been to site. The area is fenced off, covered where necessary and air quality tested.
 - SSYI have been informed.
 - The type is chrysotile which is the most inert form of asbestos, but we still need to take action.
 - Options.
 - Stop work completely and abandon Feast Services and Playscape.
 - Decontaminate exposed area and elsewhere.
 - Cost could be upwards of £33k and Meads may ask for compensation for aborted work.
 - Questions were asked about extent of decontaminated area and the need to report the findings. Answers were that it was not worth decontaminating the whole area, only that area which needs to be disturbed and it is not a notifiable situation.
 - We agreed to do more test bores to determine the extent and then do an asbestos map, only looking at the Playscape and Feast areas. We are only obliged to remove what we have already disturbed. Mapping would cost around £5,000.
 - When we did the Pavilion and path, interestingly no asbestos was reported. All bits are part of the hardcore and probably been there for around 50 years.
 - Feast services can continue if the surveyor gives the OK, as long as we decontaminate where necessary and map the area (in particular the Playscape area) to discover, if possible, the perimeter. Information will be on the website immediately and will be in the GSVN.
 - Unanimously agreed we should proceed with the decontamination. Also agreed to make all details public ASAP
3. Election:
 - We have potentially 3 candidates for the one seat and 10 parishioners have precipitated the need for an election. The candidates have until 5pm on the 3rd April to get their nomination papers in to SCDC. If only one paper submitted then there will not be an election. 11th April we will hold hustings to enable ourselves and the Parish to meet potential new council members. Unanimously agreed to follow recommendations in MN's email of 10 March.
4. AOB. ST advised that he had been requested to join the 'Bunch'
5. Chair closed the meeting at 2005

Signed

Date

Chair

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