

HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of Helmdon Parish Council held on Friday 18th January 2008 in the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon at 7:30pm

Present: Councillors Burns, Crouch, Coatsworth, Duncombe, England, Thorne, Turner
Parish Clerk: Liz Hart

Four members of the public were present; County Councillor Andrew Grant was also present.

Action

1 Apologies

Cllrs Stothard and Barnes had sent apologies.

2 To consider the response of NCC regarding proposed amendments made to the draft lease for the Playing Field Area at Helmdon Primary School by Helmdon Parish Council

Cllr Turner briefed the meeting on the issues surrounding the lease; NCC had not liaised with Helmdon Primary School regarding the ongoing negotiations between Helmdon Parish Council and NCC but the school was now aware of the situation. Cllr Turner will attend a Governor's meeting on Thursday 24th January to feed back the decisions of the meeting.

Cllr Turner

The meeting considered all amendments previously proposed by Helmdon Parish Council which had not been accepted by NCC and resolved action as follows:

Amendment	Contest or accept	Reason
Para 4.2	Contest	Felt that this was from an "off the shelf" lease and was not applicable
Para 4.10	Accepted	Agreed that Premises covered Areas 1 and 2
Para 4.11	Contest	Felt to be too woolly and too harsh – needs to be redefined
Para 6.1.2	Accepted	Felt to be a minor issue
Para 7.1	Contest	Need to seek clarification as NCC had not commented upon it.
Para 7.2	Contest	Contest removal of "unless actually caused by the landlord"
Para 9	Contest	Seek clarification over the meaning

3. To determine further action plan regarding the Draft Lease

The Clerk will feed back the issues to NCC, copying in Helmdon Primary School and suggest a meeting to speed up a resolution.

4. To consider the next steps to take regarding the proposed refurbishment of the Play Area with regard to

a) submitted tenders b) the funding required to meet its cost

- a) Cllr Turner confirmed that the projected tender, given the three tenders would be **£6295** (to include extra flooring around the swings)
- b) Cllr Grant offered to release funding of **£3972.25** from the Empowering Councillors Scheme to cover almost 50% of the cost. This news was warmly received by the meeting and Cllr Burns thanked Cllr Grant for his support, highlighting what a well used facility the area was. Cllr Crouch had undertaken several fundraising activities in aid of the playground; the Playground Committee will provide a total figure raised to the next meeting.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 8:30pm.