**ASTWOOD & HARDMEAD PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA**

**Wednesday June 5th 2019 at 8pm in Astwood Village Hall**

**Invited**: Acting Chair Cllr Teresa Giddings, Cllr Rebecca Geldart, Cllr Sarah Evans-Parker

Parish Council Clerk AnnMarie Duggan

**Ward Cllr’s** - David Hosking

**Ward Councillors update – David Hosking**

* Milton Keynes East – 8000 homes proposed. This will impact the local communities including ours. Mk has to forward fund (but can bid). £95 million bid went in, in March.
* MK elections resulted in a hung council – labour administration with support from Liberal Democrats

**Acknowledgement of complaint received –**

* AnnMarie acknowledge that a complaint in writing had been received regarding the delays and process in installation of the Playground. AnnMarie explained that the complaint would be dealt with once the new Chairperson has been appointed.

**Councillor Vacancies** –

* AnnMarie introduced the nominated candidates and explained the process of voting for which candidates will be co-opted onto the PC.
* Nominations:
* Neil Sewell
* Derek Phillips
* Derek Chapman
* Piers Shedden
* Robert Stilton
* John Durden
* Austen Cole
* AnnMarie oversaw the voting.

Neil Sewell and Austen Cole and Piers Shedden were appointed as Parish Councillors.

AnnMarie thanked all Nominees. AnnMarie thanked Derek Chapman and Robert Stilton for their contributions to the Parish Council.

The new councillors joined the top-table and signed their paperwork in front of the clerk

**Role of Chair & Vice-chair** -to be elected

AnnMarie oversaw the voting for the appointment of Chair and Vice-chair.

Councillors voted.

Annmarie announced that Neil Sewell had been appointed as Chair and Rebecca Geldart appointed as Vice-chair.

Councillors were congratulated. Neil Sewell continued to chair the rest of the meeting.

**Astwood Playground** – **selection of supplier**

Rebecca Geldart shared the Playground Selection Criteria document with the Councillors, to support the selection of the Playground Suppliers. The choice was between Komplan and Handmade.

The majority voted for Komplan

**Playground VAT** –

It was proposed and agreed that the VAT for the playground would be covered and reclaimed by the PC.

**Kick-about area sign – next steps**

The matter of the installation of the “No dogs allowed” sign in the kickabout areas was raised. It was identified that this had been raised and agreed by the PC in 2014. Teresa Giddings shared the minutes. But that this had not been actioned until May 2019. It was agreed that the delay in installation was extensive, however the sign was required and should remain.

**Banking update**

AnnMarie updated that the banking challenges had still not been resolved. And that Barclays were delaying the matter unnecessarily.

**Questions from the public**

A resident asked about the Church Clock that the PC had funded. Would we be compensated. AMD to raise with the Church.

A resident asked about pothole repair. David Hoskings explained that there is a pothole budget. AMD to raise with the council.

**Any other business**