



Aintree Village Parish Council
Minutes of Park and Amenities Committee
meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019 at
7.00pm

	Present	Cllrs Wykes (Chairman), Honeyman, Kelly, Owens, Moore and Bennett
PAC0144	Apologies for absence	None
	In attendance	M Kundi (Council Manager and Parish Clerk), D Hinton (Park Officer), F Doyle (Assistant Park Officer), and Cllr. C Carragher (Ward Councillor)
PAC0145	Declarations of interest	None
PAC0146	Public participation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dog Petition - Joyce Kelly 2. Bowling Green - Yvonne Wyatt and Carol Whiteley 3. Proposed dedicated temporary dog area - John Wayfied (Aintree Lane), Neil Gummer (Lancing Drive), Pat Carden, John Connors, Paul Carlton and Kevin Hazard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joyce Kelly handed a petition containing some 56 signatures, requesting that the Parish Council re-consider its decision to ban the Park Officer from bringing his dog Ted to work. • Carol Whiteley, on behalf of the Bowling Green team thanked the Parish Council and the staff for their hard work in improving the condition of the Bowling Green. She stated that the Bowling Green has never looked better, and whilst she appreciated the new awning, and the new edging boards she however felt that unless drainage problems were addressed the boards will start to rot soon. • The Chair thanked the residents who came to have their say in the proposed dedicated temporary dog area in the Park. She started by reading out the prevailing Parish Council Byelaws in the Park, which states that dogs must be kept on the lead at all times, and the Public Space Protection Order introduced by Sefton Council in 2017, and which all applies in the Park. The Chair then highlighted the purpose of the proposed dedicated temporary dog area, and the fact that the dog area would actually provide more freedom for dog walkers in that they would be legally allowed to have their dogs off lead in the controlled area. There was a long debate by the residents on the public consultation exercise undertaken, particularly relating to the fact that all residents of Aintree Village should have been consulted. Cllr. Bennett pointed out that it was not meant to be referendum, but to get some idea about the proposal from

		<p>Park users. He then went on to state that the Parish Council has a duty of care to look after the welfare of all Park users, and failure to comply with it could lead to significant legal and financial implications for the Parish Council. He also read out a letter from a resident who highlighted the problem of dogs roaming free and frightening young children.</p> <p>Cllr. Carragher, who was responsible for introducing a motion at Sefton Council, which was backed by all political parties highlighted the dangers of unpicked dog muck and the range of health problems that can arise from it.</p> <p>The debate about what should be done and how the problem of unpicked dog muck can be addressed by different means went on for an hour, with some dog walkers vehemently against any proposal that would restrict their freedom to use Park as they wish, whilst others recognised the problem and tried to look for some compromises.</p> <p>Pat Carden, and members of his football team highlighted the number of times they had to pick up dog muck when they are playing football.</p> <p>Cllrs. Honeyman and Owens stated that the Parish Council is looking for solutions that would accommodate all Park users without penalising any particular group.</p>
PAC0147	Minutes of previous meeting	Members considered the previous minutes of Committee meeting, and RESOLVED and authorised the Chairman to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Park and Amenities Committee meeting held on 2 nd September 2019.
PAC0148	Matters arising	Members considered the attached 'Matters Arising from the Action List' and noted the content.
PAC0149	<p>Clerk's reports</p> <p>Dedicated Temporary Dog Area</p>	<p>1. Members considered the report on the results of the public consultation exercise on the dedicated temporary dog area proposal, and taking into account the debate on the matter as part of the Public Participation item RESOLVED that:-</p> <p>a). The proposal to create a dedicated temporary dog area in the Park be postponed for the time being,</p> <p>b). The existing signage relating to dogs being on the lead at all time be reinforced and strengthened, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sprayed marking on the tarmac at the main entrance to the Park, and near the end of the car park, • Erection of 5 aluminium signs so that they cannot be damaged or removed, • Erection of signs stating 'CCTV in operation' • All related signs to be in compliance with that used by Sefton Council <p>c). The gate leading from Lancing Drive to be closed during winter time to prevent motorcyclists using the Park</p>

	<p>Annual Playground Safety Inspection Report</p> <p>Safety Works by EnviroLawn Ltd</p>	<p>d). Council Manager and Parish Clerk to seek Sefton Council's assistance for a more enhanced enforcement of PSPO in the Park, and to seek consent for the £2,000 allocation to be used for the revised signage scheme instead.</p> <p>2 Members considered the report on the Annual Playground Equipment Safety Inspection report and noted the current actions taken to date and the planned actions as part of the safety works to address the risks identified and AGREED to:-</p> <p>a). Remove the two shelter benches, b). To seek costing for replacing the slide as identified in page 13, and c). Request the Council Manager and Parish Clerk to consider ways in which the identified low risk work activities in the Annual Playground Safety Inspection Report could be delivered by the in-house team</p> <p>3. Members considered the report on the Phasing and Timing of Safety Works by EnviroLawn Ltd. and taking into account the findings of the Annual Playground Safety Inspection report RESOLVED to recommend to the Parish Council that:-</p> <p>a). The identified safety work be split over two financial years due to limited funds available, and that the following work to be undertaken in 2019/20:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundabout - Rotator - Excavate soil/spoil/grassmats and dispose of legally. Supply and set edges and supply and lay stone foundations and Notts Sport Childsplay in Olive Green to area under Wicksteed roundabout with a 1.2mCFH measuring approximately 24m² • Basket Swing - Excavate soil/spoil/grassmats and dispose of legally. Supply and set edges and supply and lay stone foundations and Notts Sport Childsplay in Olive Green to area under basket swing with a 1.8m CFH measuring approximately 24m² • Aerial Slide - Excavate soil/spoil/grassmats and dispose of legally. Dismantle zip line, dispose of legally existing timber uprights and supply and install into concrete foundations new pressure treated timber rounds. Supply and set edges and supply and lay stone foundations and Notts Sport Childsplay in Olive Green to area under zip line with a 1.2m CFH measuring approximately 20x4m-80m² • Hurricane - Excavate soil/spoil/grassmats and dispose of legally. Supply and set edges and supply and lay stone foundations and Notts Sport Childsplay in Olive Green to area under basket swing with a 1.8m CFH measuring approximately 86m² <p>b). The cost of addressing the risks associated with the Net Climber be sought from EnviroLawn Ltd. and consideration be given as to when this work is undertaken,</p> <p>c). Subject to funds being made available the following work be undertaken in 2020/21:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flat Swings - Supply and lay Notts Sport Childsplay in Olive Green to area under flat swings measuring approximately 50m² • Trim Trail - Supply and lay Notts Sport Childsplay in Terracotta to area under trim trail measuring approximately 21m²
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PAC0150	Correspondence	The Chair stated that she has been contact with Richard Parkes who had sent an email in which he indicated the need to have a dedicated bench in the Park in memory of Peter Kerevan, who sadly passed away recently. Members AGREED for the Chair to help facilitate this request.
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PAC0151	Dates of next meetings	P & A Committee	F & GP Committee	Parish Council
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd December 2019 • 3rd February 2020 • 6th April 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21st October 2019 • 16th December 2019 • 17th February 2020 • 20th April 2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18th November 2019 • 20th January 2020 (Budget/Precept) • 16th March 2020 • 11th May 2020 (Annual Parish meeting) • 18th May 2020 (Annual Parish Council meeting)

The meeting closed at 09.10pm
 Minutes PAC0144 to PAC0151 received as a correct record on 2nd December 2019

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 Chairman
 Cllr. Wykes