



# Wheldrake Parish Council

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**DUE TO COVID-19 PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES ARE RESTRICTED.  
THE MEETING DID NOT TAKE PLACE AS USUAL IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

## **Minutes of Wheldrake Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at 7pm via zoom video conference on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

### **Part 1:**

#### **E1: Welcome:**

The Chair welcomed all Cllrs and Clerk to the meeting

#### **E2: Apologies/Attendance:**

##### **a. Attendees:**

Cllrs Nelson, Surtees, Bell, Southern, Myers, Marsh, Wright and Urwin and plus the Clerk and one resident.

##### **b. Apologies:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cranfield and Buckle.

##### **c. Attendance Book:**

As this meeting took place via video conference, the record of attendance is noted above.

#### **E3: Interests:**

The Chair reminded members to make any declarations of interest in any agenda item(s).

**No declarations made.**

#### **E4: Council:**

The council received no comments on agenda items.

#### **E5: Play Park:**

Following a further site visit made by members of the Parish Council on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, additional discussions took place regarding the safe re-opening of the Playpark and multi-use games area. This was discussed in full this evening with the proposed supporting documentation available to all Cllrs and attendees of the meeting.

All were in favour of the proposed plan to re-open.

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1. This paper and the attached risk mitigation document together set out the basis on which it is proposed to reopen the playpark with effect from Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The mitigations considered are those within Government guidance and other sector specific advice.
2. Underpinning the reopening is a partnership between the Parish Council and those supervising children under 11 years of age when in the playpark as both parties have a responsibility for delivery of Covid-19 risk mitigation measures. Similarly, those 11 years and over using the multi-use games area (MUGA) having a responsibility for their own use of sanitisers.
3. The Parish Council has an obligation to take steps to implement reasonably practicable measures to reduce the risk of in-community transmission of Covid-19 through contact with droplets carrying the virus. In so far as the Parish Council is concerned the risk mitigation measures to be adopted are:
  - Bespoke laminated signage at entrance explaining maximum numbers in each of four zones, use of sanitisers and disposal of wipes etc., in-zone supervision of those under 11

- years of age, no food and drink, contact details for the Parish Council and when / why it may be necessary to close some or all of the playpark
- Zoning within the playpark to delineate each of the zones as shown in the risk mitigation annex to this paper with appropriate bespoke laminated signage
  - Additional 'reminder' signage as available on free issue from City of York Council to be secured to fences and picnic tables
  - Weekly spraying of play equipment and other contact points with a long-life anti-bacterial treatment (Santitus Plus or equivalent)
  - Random presence of Councillors to verify that arrangements for the safe use of the playpark are being observed
4. Further mitigation measures considered but not applied as they are disproportionate:
    - Pre-booking system to allocate time slots for the use of the playpark and limit total number using the facility
    - Appointment of wardens to provide approaching full-time supervision of the playpark at a cost of approximately £500 per week (living wage 10.00 am to 6.00 pm)
    - Provision of hand-washing and sanitising station at the entrance to the playpark and/or within each of the four zones
  5. Should the mitigation set out in 3. above to permit the reopening of the playpark be ignored all or in part, the additional measures in 4. above can be reconsidered alongside reclosing of the playpark.
  6. In any event, where a further lockdown impacts on Wheldrake or when there is evidenced in-community Covid-19 transmission within the Parish, the playpark will be closed with immediate effect and the playpark will remain closed for 14 days or until the lockdown ends, whichever is the longer.
  7. In preparation for reopening the lengthsman contractor has been instructed to bring the grounds to the required standard and similarly a safety inspection is being arranged.
  8. Subject to the Covid-19 mitigation measures in paragraph three and additional measures in paragraph seven completed, Parish Council is invited to resolve to reopen the playpark with effect from Monday July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020 or as soon thereafter these measures are in place.
  9. Additionally, the Parish Council is invited to resolve to incur expenditure necessary to provide the necessary signs; to obtain the sanitising spray and two backpack sprayers; and, to reorder the sanitising spray as necessary to a total cost not exceeding £500.
  10. The Parish Council is further requested to resolve to delegate to the Clerk and the Chairman or Vice-Chairman the authority to close the playpark should the proposed mitigation measures (paragraph 3) prove ineffective pending approval of further mitigating measures by the Council and/or when a further lockdown is necessary (paragraph 6).

**Meeting closed at 7.20pm**