

SHRIVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of extraordinary meeting held on Wednesday 15th July 2020 at 5pm

Present: Cllr Richard Bartle, Chair (RB), Cllr Julia Jones (JJ), Cllr David Pratt (DP), Cllr Bjorn Watson (BW), Cllr Gerard Pearson (GP)

In Attendance: Julia Evans

County Councillor:

District Councillors:

Public:

20/179	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Cllrs Jenkins and Coffey sent their apologies.	Action:
20/180	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.	
20/181	CHAIR OF THE VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S TRUST Cllr Watson agreed to take over the Chair of the Viscountess Barrington's Trust. Proposed Cllr Bartle, Seconded Cllr Pearson. RESOLVED.	
20/182	VICE CHAIR OF THE VISCOUNTESS BARRINGTON'S TRUST Cllr Jones volunteers to take over the Vice-Chair of the Viscountess Barrington's Trust. Proposed Cllr Bartle, Seconded Cllr Watson.	
20/183	PLAYGROUND RE-OPENING Cllr Pearson presented a case for re-opening the playground. He stated that the needs of children should be considered. The Government recognises that playgrounds are important for their physical and mental wellbeing. Children with disabilities cannot run around and playgrounds are extremely important for them. Government guidelines have changed and the insurance policy does not require 100% compliance, only best efforts. The risk assessment is over-complex. The risk on play equipment is the same as on public benches but they have never been closed. Many other facilities have now reopened, and many other play areas have reopened. He urged that the play area be reopened as soon as possible. Cllr Watson agreed provided there was adequate signage. Cllr Bartle had developed a sign which was circulated. Cllr Jones agreed; the responsibility should lie with the parents/carers. Cllr Pratt stated that the opening should be publicised along with the information poster. Cllr Jenkins had sent a written comment on this matter. She expressed concern and felt that the risk level is not low enough. There are many who would not take proper precautions and there are other spaces where children can play. Cllr Bartle reported that Watchfield had reopened their playground because it was proving impossible to keep it closed; people were using it anyway. Cllr Pearson proposed re-opening, Cllr Watson seconded. There were three votes in favour and two abstentions. RESOLVED. The message that the playground is to reopen on Saturday 18 th July to be sent out on Social Media and put on the website.	LJ/JJ/JE
20/184	HALL REOPENING Cllr Watson proposed to aim for opening in mid-August with a phased re-opening. This will give time to get everything in place and complete the risk assessments. The hall would open fully in September. Proposed Cllr Watson, Seconded Cllr Bartle. RESOLVED.	BW/JJ/JE

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20/185	ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ADDED TO NEXT MONTHS AGENDA. Nothing.	
20/186	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 7 th September at 7pm	

The meeting closed at 17.40