# **Hewelsfield and Brockweir Parish Council**

# Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 30th November 2021 at the Mackenzie Hall.

**Present:**  Cllr. Sinfield, Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Haythornthwaite, Cllr. Fox, Cllr. Groves-Bond and the Parish Clerk. There were 17 members of public in attendance.

**3349 Apologies**

Cllrs. Davies and Brundle.

Both Councillors had expressed their support, via emails, in favour of Agenda Item 3351.

**3350 Declaration of Interest in Agenda Items**

None declared.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting for members of the public to raise matters.

Representatives of the Playground Committee explained the reason for their request for funding and support. They intend very shortly to apply to the Enovert Community Trust for a grant to cover the majority of the cost of the new play area. A key requirement of the trust is a 3rd party contribution of 10% of the funding amount, which the administrators of the Trust confirmed would need to come from the Parish Council due to the nature of the project. They intend to apply for a grant of £87,970 (this is the total quote cost for the new design inclusive of VAT) and so need to secure a 3rd party contribution of £8,800. The committee had forwarded information regarding the funding application and details of the proposed playground project to Councillors prior to the meeting.

Several parishioners spoke in favour of the project and there was general support in the room for it.

**3351 Discuss a request for funding and continued support for the playground**

The Chairman had called this additional meeting to discuss a request for a donation for the playground refurbishment as part of a bid for funding.

Councillors felt that the playground is a great asset to the community and supported the proposed refurbishment plans.

Councillors were asked to vote on the donation of £8,800.00 in the event that the funding application was successful, and also annual on-going support which could amount to £1,000.00 per annum, although fundraising activities would be on-going.

There was a unanimous vote in favour of both the donation and on-going annual support. The council will be informed of the outcome of the application and notified when the donation would be needed.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th January at 7pm at The Loft, Village Shop.