



SAWSTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the EXTRA FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2022
Held at Parish Council Office, Link Road - Meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Assistant Parish Clerk Jo Keeler

Councillors

Kevin Cuffley

Michael Mallows

Ian Reeves

Jayne Merrick

Neil Reid

Paul Smith

142 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Colin Groves (Personal)

David Bard (Personal)

Kieran Cooper (Personal)

Brian Milnes (Personal)

No Apologies received from:

Sue Whitney

Patrick Thoroude

Anand Pillai

143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FOR THIS MEETING

None

144 TO DISCUSS LETTER FROM RTC REGARDING RECENT WORK ON WETPOUR ON RECREATION GROUNDS

Councillor Kevin Cuffley explained that we have received a letter from a solicitor acting on behalf of RTC who recently repaired the surface under all the play equipment, threatening to take the parish council to court over non-payment of the work. The parish council did not feel the quality of the work was adequate and are withholding the payment until we seek independent advice. The clerk explained that she has contacted three chartered surveyors, one could not help and two have yet to reply. She has also contact SAPCA (Sports and play construction association) for their advice and is waiting a response. ROSPA has said they will come out to do an inspection and report at a cost of £395.00.

This was discussed and Councillor Ian Reeves, with the agreement of the other councillors explained that we are not experts in this and we should first appoint a solicitor to respond to the letter to explain we are getting independent advice before we agree what we are going to pay.

It was **proposed** by Councillor Ian Reeves and **seconded** by Councillor Jayne Merrick for the clerk to approach Adams Harrison Solicitors in the village to ask them to respond to the letter and continue to seek independent advice. The clerk will give an update at the next full parish meeting.

VOTE: 6 FOR : 0 AGAINST UNANIMOUS

Meeting closed 7.50pm