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Monday 26th February 2024

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the **Planning and Environment Committee** meeting of **Loggerheads Parish Council** to be held at **7pm on Monday 4th March 2024** at Loggerheads Community Fire Station, Market Drayton Road, Loggerheads, Market Drayton, Shropshire TF9 4EZ.

Yours Sincerely,
B. Minshall
Parish Clerk

AGENDA

1. To elect a Chair of the Planning and Environment Committee for March and April 2024

2. To receive and consider apologies for absence

3. To note declarations of Members' interests

4. To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024

5. Public Question Time
   A period of 15 minutes for Members of the Public to ask questions or submit comments

   Any members of the public wishing to participate in public participation during the meeting should email clerk@loggerheads-pc.gov.uk before **9am** on **Monday 4th March 2024** providing their name, email address and an indication of the subject of their question or comment.

6. To consider the following planning applications: -

   Application No: 24/00100/AGR
   Proposal: General purpose agricultural building
   Location: Blore Farm Flash Lane Blore Heath

7. To note the following planning applications having been decided by NuLBC: -

   Application No: 23/00959/FUL
   Proposal: Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission

23/00529/FUL to amend the layout of the approved plans
Location: Napley Lodge Farm Napley Road Napley
Decision: **Permitted**

8. To consider matters relating to Play Equipment and Play Areas

9. To consider the following Member Items: -

   NONE

10. To note the date of the next **Planning and Environment Committee** meeting as **7pm, Monday 8th April 2024** at Loggerheads Community Fire Station **(if required)**.

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In attendance: Cllrs Beales, Butterworth, Fox, Hodgkins, Lee, Love, Roberts, Swan, Swetman and Tomson.

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2024

N. B. Cllr Love was elected temporary Chair for this meeting.

1. To receive and consider apologies for absence

   There were no apologies.

2. To note declarations of Members' interests

   There were no declarations of Members' interests.

3. To approve and sign the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023

   Resolved: To sign the minutes as a true and accurate record.

4. Public Question Time

   There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

5. To receive a presentation from Urban Vision Enterprises on National Planning Policy Framework and Neighbourhood Planning

   Dave Chetwyn, Director of Urban Vision Enterprises, provided the meeting with a verbal update on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework introduced in December – which are predominantly concern how Local Authorities determine housing need – proving contentious within areas that are already environmentally constrained.

   There was a reference made to the Emerging Local Plan from Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council in that it is unclear at this stage when that is likely to be in place. Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council previously had a land supply of 4.25 years; but slight alterations in what can be counted has put the number over 5 years.

   Regarding Neighbourhood Plans, the National Planning Policy Framework previously afforded protections to these for a period of 2 years, but this has now been changed to a period of 5 years to properly consider the requirement for a 5-year housing land supply.

In the event the Loggerheads Neighbourhood Plan were to be updated to reflect any changing landscape would be through repeating a public consultation. Primarily because this would also update the evidence base. It was suggested that elements of the current Neighbourhood Plan lend itself to much more environmentally based approach such as a Rural Protection Policy.

Neighbourhood Plans can help to determine protections for land use, environment and biodiversity to inform planning policies – and there is scope to comment on any lack of amenities covering aspects such as healthcare and education – and as much as the Plan can inform determinations surrounding existing levels of service provision such as agriculture, it cannot make determinations surrounding new service level provision such as broadband provision.

It was suggested that now is a good time to consider updating the Neighbourhood Plan to allow for an updated evidence base and more Rural Protection and Biodiversity Policies to reflect emerging legislation – but it may be best to request a new Housing Needs Assessment from both the Borough Council and a Professional Service.

6. To consider the following planning applications: -

Application No: 23/00938/FUL
Proposal: Rear 2 storey extension to provide additional bedroom
Location: 96 Chapel Lane Ashley Market Drayton

Resolved: To make no objection nor submit any comment.

7. To note the following planning applications having been decided by NuLBC: -

Application No: 23/00878/FUL
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Location: Lisieux Church Road Ashley
Decision: **Permitted**

Noted

8. To receive and note the most recent Listed Buildings at Risk Survey 2022/23 by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council

Noted

9. To consider matters relating to Play Equipment and Play Areas

The meeting discussed both the condition and long term viability of the four Play Areas at Bell Orchard (Ashley), Tadgedale Brook (Loggerheads), Knighton Railway Cutting (Knighton) and Pinfold Lane (Almington).

It was proposed to decommission any problematic equipment which could pose a high risk, to source possible options for replacement and to explore opportunities for consultation with the public.

Resolved: To investigate the financial impact of any insurance claim.

Resolved: To remove and decommission high risk equipment.

Resolved: To review the matter at the March meeting of Committee.

10. To consider the following Member Items: -

    NONE

11. To note the date of the next **Planning and Environment Committee** meeting as being held at **7pm, Monday 4th March 2024** at Loggerheads Community Fire Station

    Noted

Chair:	Cllr J. Love
Clerk:	B. Minshall

Close of Meeting: 20:10pm

Signed…….

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AGENDA ITEM 7

Report Statement

Report Purpose:	To consider matters relating to Play Equipment and Play Areas
Version Control:	V1
Author(s):	Parish Clerk

1. Report Summary

The report outlines issues with the current Play Equipment.

2. Position

At the January meeting, it was reported that there were signs of unsafe play equipment at the following sites: -

- Unsafe log walks at Tadgedale Brook, Loggerheads due to exposed fixings.
- Unsafe log walk at Pinfold Lane, Almington due to weather exposure.
- Unsafe rope walk at Knighton due to storm damage.

At present, there are no funds identified within the budget to maintain, repair or replace items of Play Equipment within any of the Council's Play Areas.

Since the February meeting, the damaged equipment at Tadgedale Brook, Loggerheads and Pinfold Lane, Almington has been successfully removed with the only cost being Officer time.

The options are still being explored for how to treat the damaged equipment at Knighton Railway Cutting.

To date, product brochures have been requested from the following Suppliers: -

- Elevate Play Ltd
- Fresh Air Fitness
- Handmade Places
- Image Playgrounds
- Play & Leisure
- Playdale Playgrounds
- Playforce
- Play Innovation
- PMR – Play. Maintain. Repair.
- Rebound Rubber
- Redlynch Leisure
- Sovereign Play Equipment
- Sports and Play Consulting
- Streetscape Products and Services
- Sunshine Gym
- Sutcliffe Play

3. Financial Impact

The financial cost to the Parish Council to date has been in the form of Officer time.

4. Conclusions

It is concluded that as much of the current Play Equipment is circa 10 – 15 years in age and having been exposed to relentlessly changing elements for that duration there is bound to be signs of wear and tear or degradation. It is not believed that any maintenance works have ever been carried out with respect to Play Areas – except for the annual Play Safety Inspections.

5. Considerations Sought

- To consider augmentation of the current Play Equipment.
- To consider complete refurbishment of all Play Areas.
- To consider using identified funds as match funding to source grant funding.
- To determine a priority order for the complete refurbishment of all Play Areas.

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