**Bishopton Playground Association**

**Minutes of the Bishopton Playground Association (BPA) General Meeting**

**held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 7:00pm via Zoom**

#  Present: S. Pilkington, N Melaney, S Harker, L Foggett, J Robins, S Elliot

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1. **Apologies**
	1. L Guest, K Coupland
2. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**
	1. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
	1. Nothing declared.
4. **Matters Arising**
	1. Nothing to report.
5. **Financial Report**
	1. Nothing to report.
6. **Update from the parish council.**
	1. The Parish Council has agreed to support the purchase of raised beds, see 8.3, until further fundraising has taken place to repay this outlay.
7. **Playground Progress**
	1. May 17th is the planned installation date for the order placed with Sovereign.
	2. Materials for the raised beds have been ordered and delivered to site since the last meeting. The Playground Association would like to thank those who assisted with the delivery.

# Fundraising applications

# NM has submitted a funding application to The National Lottery.

# NM has applied to the Calor Gas crowdfunding scheme as well as a separate grant fund.

# SP has been successful in securing some funding from Permission Homes towards raised beds, however not sufficient to cover the full required amount. The shortfall was met in the interim by the Parish Council to ensure the very competitive price could be secured.

# Fundraising & Publicity

# The “sponsor a wooden shape” scheme is progressing. SP and MN have developed 3 wooden shape templates, and SP has developed a framework for the scheme. It was agreed that a simpler low cost option be added to the scheme to widen inclusivity, as well as an option for businesses to take part. SP to revise the scheme to reflect this.

# LF has confirmed that we are able to attach items to the fence.

# At some point the village hall will become available for events, however this is not a short term option so outdoor fundraisers are to be explored such as a treasure trail or scarecrow trail.

# Donations & Acknowledgements

# Nothing to report

# Any other Business

# None

**The meeting closed at 8:08pm.**

The next meeting will be held Wednesday 5th April at 7:00pm via Zoom. This will be set up and hosted by Les Foggett.

Signed: Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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