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Extraordinary meeting of the Environment & Open Spaces Committee held on  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 9.15am**

### Minutes

**EOS37/24 Those present and apologies for absence.**

Present:

Members: D Belton, D Sperring, D Mercer, J Lumley,

Apologies: C Stanley, S-J Page, C Roe & J Burton

Members of Public: 0

Non-members: Cllr Lambourne

Not present: R Dray, R Dowell, C Pavelin

Also in attendance: Committee Clerk

**Resolved.** Members accepted apologies.

**EOS38/24 Non-members and substitutes attending.**

none

**EOS39/24 Code of Conduct/Civility and Respect**

It was noted that the meeting will be carried out under the terms of the Local Government Association and Rayleigh Town Council's Code of Conduct policy.

**EOS40/24 Declaration of Interests**

Members of the Council are subject to paragraphs 6 (DPIs), 7 (Other Pecuniary Interests) and 8 (non-pecuniary interests) of that Code. Members are also subject to paragraphs 9- 11 of that Code as regards declaration of interests and participation in the meeting insofar as any item of business involves such an interest and as such all members of District and County declared their interests with regard to relevant items on the agenda.

**EOS41/24 Public Forum**

No public present.

**EOS42/24 New play equipment for the John Fisher Open Space - play area.**

The office received 3 quotes which were circulated to members prior to the meeting.

The s106 money that has been confirmed as available from RDC for the project was discussed and noted and will form part of the recommendation to FC.

**Resolved:**

Cllr Belton proposed, seconded by Cllr Lumley and all agreed to accept the quote from HAGS in principle, subject to the following:

Members wanted the new equipment in an extension to the existing play area, and a quote from HAGS to paint the new fence different colours. They liked the inclusive roundabout, bucket swing and springer but wanted included, a few sensory items similar but are different from KGV. Members also wanted a climbing frame, which allows inclusivity, instead of the Titan Carousel which was in the quote. Final design and quote to be presented to full council for final decision.

**Action:** The office to contact HAGS and advise them of the changes above and ask for a quote for a pathway around the new items and also for the next phase, a quote for a pathway to go around the rest of the older equipment.

The office to email the other 2 companies and advise them that members liked their designs but because they are not on the Association of Play Industries list they couldn't chose them.

The office to look into funding - Essex Community Foundation and any other possible grant opportunities.

Cllrs noted the ambition to continue to improve the two open spaces they are currently responsible for with the intention to continue to consider other open spaces around the Town for adoption in coming years.

**EOS43/24**

**Items for the next agenda**

None.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

Meeting finished at 9.45am

Chairman Signature ..... Date.....