

WALBERSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Minute of a meeting of the Safety Committee held on Wednesday 20th October 2021 at 7pm in the Heritage Hut, Walberswick

Present: *Councillor Lewis (in the Chair), Richardson and Sutton. No members of the public were present*

SC/21/1 Chairman's welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors

SC/21/2 Open Forum

No members of the public were present

SC/21/3 Review of ROSPA report on play equipment on the green

The report was considered in detail and the following items in particular were noted:

- a. The report would be "marked up" with the comments agreed by the Safety Committee and presented to the WPC November meeting for their discussion and endorsement
- b. There were multiple recommendations in the ROSPA report about "Zip-tying" the safety mats together. This had never been raised in a report before and there was concern among the committee that doing this could in itself create a trip hazard, so it was decided to recommend to WPC not to proceed with those specific recommendations
- c. The "Pirate ships" were a particular concern and after discussion it was agreed that both Pirate ships would immediately be taken out of use, pending a decision on their future by WPC, but the Safety Committee would regretfully be recommending their removal
- d. All other recommendations in the RSPA report were considered reasonable and would be recommended to be progressed in accordance with the "marked up" copy produced for WPC

SC/21/4 Consideration of maintenance needs existing memorial benches

A discussion took place about the current benches and **it was agreed** that a suitable period had elapsed since the last survey and a re-survey should be undertaken of all the benches and recommendations brought forward regarding any maintenance needs to the full Council

SC/21/5 Agree date of next meeting

It was agreed that unless urgent matters arose, the next meeting of the committee would be convened once the next ROSPA reports were available

The meeting closed at 19.40