

## **Minutes for an Emergency Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 7pm via Zoom.**

**Present:** Cllrs J Hay, H West, R Watts, A Parr, C Pady, P Arnott, E Jones, C Denny, J Gardiner and S Real. Also S Haines (clerk)

This meeting was held to discuss the possibilities of re-opening the three playparks in Colyton and Colyford on 4<sup>th</sup> July. The clerk explained that there was a very tight deadline to agree on risk assessments and approving posters to guide the public to keep themselves and others safe whilst using the facilities. The clerk has drafted a poster, made using direct advice from the Government and sent it out to all Councillors for consideration, Cllr Denny replied with some suggestions which were then added. The Clerk had also found a risk assessment, provided by another clerk and circulated for consideration, Cllr Denny had filled it in and sent it back for approval.

Both were considered adequate and approved.

Cllr Arnott suggested hand sanitiser stations were put at each gate, this was seconded by Cllr Jones, It was voted on with 5 for and 5 against, the chairman held the casting vote so this was not approved.

Cllr Pady proposed that the parks be cleaned every two days, handles of gates and high touch areas such as swing chains and bucket seat swings being a priority, he volunteered to take on the Colyford playpark to lessen the burden on John, this was seconded by Cllr Watts and agreed by the majority. Cllr Jones did not think we should open on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

It was decided not to limit the number of households using each park at a time as it would be impossible to police, we will rely on the public using their common sense and not overcrowding the park.

It was also suggested that as the Peace Memorial Playing Field and the Colyford parks both have two gates, we should make clear exit and entry signs to limit foot traffic at the gates.

Meeting closed at 8pm.