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Prior to the Meeting commencing formally the members of the public present of which there were four were invited to address the Meeting.

Mr Cox (6 Coronation Road) indicated that in the past week he had received four calls at his door by polite young people asking to retrieve their footballs from his garden. When asked it would appear that it was an occurrence that happened on a regular basis even before the ball wall had been constructed. His estimated that some twenty balls a week are kicked over the fence into the road or into his garden. His main concern was not so much his garden but rather the safety of both the young people and the road users. He was of the view that the siting of the Ball Posts was encouraging the likelihood of balls being kicked over the fence.

Mr Derrick (4 Coronation Road) presented to the meeting a photograph of a youngster walking on top of the new wall holding on to the wire fence top. It was pointed out however that even before the Ball Wall had been installed many of the youngsters used the trees as goal posts and directed their play towards the Coronation Hall. He advocated moving the Ball Wall to the west (Coronation Hall) side.

Mr & Mrs Thorne echoed the recommendation to move the wall to the Hall side

Minutes of a Meeting of Bleadon Parish Council's Open Spaces Committee that was held initially in the **Children's Play Area** and then subsequently in the **Youth Club Premises Coronation Road Bleadon** on **Monday 12th August 2013** that commenced at **6.30pm** when the following business was transacted.

PRESENT Councillors Mrs I D Clarke (Chairman) Mesdames M Sheppard and P Skelley(Ex-Officio) Messrs I Findlay C Morris (Ex-Officio) M Orme K Pyke together with the Parish Clerk Mr B Poole who arrived at 6.50 pm with apologies

OS4.1 To receive any apologies for non attendance

None

OS3.2 To receive any declarations of interest

None

OS4.3 To receive the Minutes of the Open Spaces Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th June 2013

Resolved that they be taken as read and approved as being a correct record and as a consequence be signed by the Chairman.

OS4.4 Matters for Report and Information only

Noted that the following works had been undertaken other than those marked with an asterisk

- (i) Reduce cold water pressure – Gents
- (ii) Install PIR Lights*
- (iii) Push Tap – Ladies
- (iv) Hand Drier – Ladies*
- (v) Sealed Toilet Roll Holders
- (vi) Contact Notice
- (vii) Lock on side external gate
- (viii) Cupboard Key

Noted that Mr Capel had commenced the cleaning contract with no adverse comments received to date

Noted that as requested the Clerk had made direct contact that day by E-Mail with M&M Timber to ascertain why the delivery of the Pic-Nic Table was seriously overdue.

Noted that some of the requested remedial work in the Churchyard had been undertaken

OS4.5 To inspect the Children's Play Area in respect to:

(a) The 2013 RoSPA Report and to note any decisions thereto:

Noted and :

Resolved that the Village Ranger be asked to carry out the remedial work to the toddler's Rocker

(b) The recently installed "Goal Posts"

Resolved that RoSPA be instructed to undertake an inspection of the "Goal Posts" and as a result of their inspection provide the Parish Council with some proposals.

OS4.6 Other matters for information purposes only

The Committee Chairman voiced her personal concerns that in her view the Parish Council did not appear to always fully consult with residents before undertaking agreed actions. There then followed some lengthy discussions as to how and why and whether or not the Parish Council did or has done so in the past.

It was proposed by the Councillor Clarke that the Parish Council undertake formal consultations with interested parishioners when major decisions are to be taken that affect users of the play area.

The proposal was subsequently amended to read that consideration is given to

Resolved that consideration be given to formal consultation with interested parishioners when **major decisions are to be taken that affect users of the play area.**

Approved by 6 votes to two – Councillors I Findlay & C Morris voting against and requesting that their votes against be so recorded

OS4.7 Date of next Meeting – to be arranged