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Minutes of the Meeting of Wonersh Parish Council held on Thursday 22 May 2025 at 10.30am, at the Wonersh Sports Pavilion.

Present: Cllrs Max Gibbs (Chair), Rob Merriman and Kevin Sloan.

In attendance: Lisa Davison

25/26 035 To consider and approve apologies for absence.

The Committee received and approved apologies from Cllrs Howard, Knight, Lavender, Parkinson, Shutes and Sobek.

25/26 036 Wonersh Parish Code of Conduct – Declarations of disclosable interests.

There were no declarations of disclosable interests.

25/26 037 Open meeting for members of the public to raise matters with the Council.

There were no members of the public present.

25/26 038 To receive progress reports about matters previously considered and approved by the Council.

There were no updates beyond the matters raised below.

25/26 039 To receive an update on the playground rejuvenation and approve next steps, including to consider and approve the payment of £3,476.00 to Rhinoplay to supply and spread Hardwood play grade chip in the existing bark pit: 11 Cubic metres (approx 150mm top up), to comply with British Standards.

The Clerk raised two matters relating to the playground rejuvenation in Wonersh. The first is the pooling for water at the foot of the slide, which appeared to be a design flaw as it was particular to one area. It was noted that one resolution could be a small hole drilled in this area, but this may impact upon the warranty.

Action: Clerk to explore alternatives with the provider.

The second is the supply and spreading of hardwood play grade chip, which whilst above £3,000 considered in 5.8 of the Council's Financial Regulations, could be considered under 5.12 (ii) repairs to, or parts for, existing machinery or equipment and also (iii) works, goods or services that constitute an extension of an existing contract. On that basis and with a view to expediting the project the Council provided approval for the full cost of the quote. However, in the interest of obtaining best value, requested the following actions be carried out, with the final decision being delegated to the Clerk and Cllr Lavender as playgrounds lead for Wonersh:

- Request that the supply and labour be disaggregated
- Explore the standalone cost of each from other sources, including whether the spreading could be completed by the routine maintenance contractor
- Consider the implications on lead times and playground opening, including the requirement for heras fencing whilst works are ongoing.

Action: Clerk, with Cllr support, to explore costing for the supply and spreading of wood chippings.

Clerk and Cllr Lavender to determine the final decision.

25/26 040 Dates of future meetings:

Annual Parish Meeting (assembly)	22 May 2025
Council Meeting:	19 June 2025
Planning Committee:	12 June 2025

These were confirmed.