SHALDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Playpark committee meeting held at the Hub at 7pm on Monday 9 February 2026

Committee: Cllr Danielle Westlake (DW), Cllr Jo Cumbley (JC), Cllr Andy Burnham, Cllr Tim Palmer), Alison Melville-Shreeve (AMS), Julie Carden (J Car).

1. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:** Cllr. Andy Burnham, Nickie Hamblin, Clerk.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** acknowledgement of any such interests received for any part of the agenda or any request for dispensation made prior to the meeting. **None.**

3. **RATIFICATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**. To agree and resolve Minutes of 8 September 2025. **Approved unanimously and signed.**

4. **FINANCIAL** - balance of fundraising remaining / how playpark will be financed in the future. Following expenditure on additional hedging plants, bark and matting by the benches and picnic benches the balance stands at £117.52. DW said that she had recently ordered 2 direction signs at a cost of £182 + VAT. The shortfall would be made up from SPC funds leaving a nil balance for the playpark funds. There is £1500 allocated to SPC budget 26/27 for the Playpark.

5. **PLAYPARK EQUIPMENT REVIEW.** Presently all fine.

6. **FENCING AND GATES/LANDSCAPING AND WILLOW WIGWAY.** Fencing – loose panels repaired by a kind resident who has been thanked by SPC. Gates missing double gate bolt repaired by AB, thank you. Landscaping & Wigwam – AM reported that new hedging plants were planted in December. The 4 trees on site are doing well. The Wigwam needs some slight attention where gaps have appeared, nothing major and easily rectified. AM and FoHBG to do this. Thank you.

7. **REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF NEW DRAINAGE PROVISION.** Given the incessant rain this year so far, the drainage is working remarkably well.

8. **LAURA WALL/RTSS BOARDS IN PLAYPARK –** Update. These both came off in the recent storm and were returned this past week and bolted in place. However, the signs were put up the opposite way round to previously. While Khameleon are prepared to return and switch this around, the committee agreed there were some advantages to have the sign this way round and therefore will not be changed round.

9. **INSPECTION REGIME –** weekly/annual**.** Weekly inspections had raised little of concern in the last 6 months, Cllrs LB and CS continue to do these – thank you. It is coming up to the 1-year

anniversary of handover when the full warranty including labour costs will expire. ROSPA will carry out the annual inspection in March, hopefully to occur before the warranty expires should anything be flagged as needing action. Cost of ROSPA site visit and report is just less than £110.

10. **PLAYPARK EQIPMENT MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS FROM MARCH 2026**. Rhinoplay have offered an annual maintenance package for £1,050 which will comprise of 4 quarterly visits with light/small fixes covered as part of this. Equipment pieces are still covered by Rhinoplay under guarantees of various lengths for parts replacement due to failure (not vandalism). Any work outside of these visits will be charged at £65ph to cover labour costs only. DW asked JC to enquire whether the £1050 price could be guaranteed for more than 1 year. **The committee unanimously agreed to recommend to SPC to accept this package**.

11. **NEW SIGNAGE TO THE PLAYPARK FROM SHORESIDECAR PARK.** DW has ordered 2 (double sided) signs including fixings, one for a lamppost by Shoreside car park and one for the fingerpost by the bridge. Total is £182 + VAT and delivery is imminent. TP to put up with DW assistance. If fixings prove insufficient another system is available at approximately £25 per sign.

12. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –** Members of the public to raise questions or make comment regarding any other activity, new or ongoing within the community. **No one attended from the public.**

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING –** Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 6.45 pm

Signed …… **Date ……**
Jo Cumbley, Chairperson