

BADGER FARM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council

Meeting 23rd January 2017

PRESENT: John Godbold (Chairman) Phil Hodgetts Simon Fletcher
Heather Nicholson Rhian Dolby
Vivienne A Brooks- Retiring Clerk/ Grace Austin – Parish Clerk

1445. Apologies- Cllr's Jarvis, Pope & Lacey

1446. To discuss tender documents for the new play-area.

a) Which manufactures to approach?

The Clerk advised that as we had in fact asked the public to assist with the design of the play-area by giving them pictures of equipment to approve and rank in preference (as per the report) we need to apply to installers to give them a lead to design the play area. Using equipment from any manufacturer they wish to use. This way we should get more for our money. To this end she had a list of API members who we can use to get a maximum of four tenders out.

E J services – Alton
Playground Services – Hungerford
Vita Play Limited – Winchester
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd – Kettering.

Chosen purely for their locality.

b) What equipment do we prefer?

Metal equipment due to higher vandalism in that area.

The report listed in ground trampoline, One large unit 7 – 14, Basket Swing as per Davis area with the rubber ring, no rope and chains, Whirlwind, Rotator, Climbing wall, wire, swings as much equipment accessible for disabled use as possible bearing in mind restrictions of cost. Accessibility of scale.

Rhino mulch surface, metal fencing.

c) Budget requirements/any changes to our initial estimate?

We know we need to refurbish and fence the existing play-area, removing some old equipment. We need to do remedial levelling and include a cost for fencing the new play-area. We hope to get a loan for £70K the application being granted. We have £10K in reserves. We feel that £80K is more realistic but the loan for £60 - £70K was approved by the public and this is achievable using reserves.

We will need another extraordinary meeting in March (March 20th) to get the March minutes approved and signed to make the application by 31st March. This was approved. We need to get the tender documentation out this week and back before the March Full Council Meeting. The Clerks will get this out on Friday.

1447 Councillors Questions.

JG reported a successful meeting on the 17th with regard to Whiteshute Ridge. We will have to return the £14,500 held plus the annual amounts will be £3K year 1, £3K year 2, £2K year 3 and £1K year four. Plus they require a letter that we wish to return the lease to WCC, agree the figures mentioned above that are in fact better than anticipated. They also wish us to meet “reasonable solicitors costs” we will add a caveat that these are informed to us before completion and not to exceed £500. The public will pay for both the City’s costs and the Parishes and this must be kept to the bare minimum or it is double taxation in this council’s opinion.

SF requires accounts and scanned report signed by the Chairman to assist with the application.

Meeting closed at 8:15pm

Signed

Date