Great Abington Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper

17 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge CB21 6AG

**A Meeting of Great Abington Parish Council** was held

on Wednesday 6th October 2021, starting at 7.15pm in the mains hall at the Institute.

**Present:** Tony Orgee, Mak Makwana , Stephen McDonnell, the Clerk, Peter Brunning (representing Abington Recreation Ground Committee) and two members of the public.

**Meeting started at 7.00pm**

**89. OPEN FORUM** Peter Brunning (representing Abington Recreation Ground Committee -ARGC) explained that ARC had discussed repairs to several items of play equipment and purchasing two new items, a swing apparatus (swing and nest seat swing) and a rocker, as well as repairs to the surface under the existing swing and other equipment. Three contractors had quoted, including On-Line who were relatively local and were previously known as Fenland. Playdale are British manufacturers, but only wanted to supply their equipment which the committee agreed didn’t fit in well with the existing equipment. Kompan had also quoted and were the most expensive. ARGC met on 4th October and agreed that On-line offered the best option for the work, as they could supply Kompan equipment and had maintained the exiting play equipment. Tony highlighted that the quote from On-line sent to the Parish Council was incomplete

**90. APOLOGIES** - Jill Carter, Jane Bowen, Louise Patten and Emma Pery

**91. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED –** No interests were declared

**92. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES -** the minutes for theAGM in May 2021.were approved unanimously

**93. PLANNING APPLICATION TO BE CONSIDERED:**

21/03822/FUL – Site 1 , Granta Park – erection of R & D building and associated carpark and landscaping.

a) Outline details of the application – Tony Orgee said it was a shame Granta Park hadn’t arranged a public meeting to share the plans with the whole community, rather than holding a meeting with three representatives from the two villages Parish Councils. The new building would stand at the right of the main entrance and would be a statement building. The building was speculative, with no existing client and would accommodate 600 people. It would be 2 m higher than Illumina, and have four storeys. The travel documents mentioned new workers walking and cycling to work, but a new car park would be built and there would be more traffic traveling to the site. The planning application consisted of 90 documents on-line. The Parish Council had obtained an extension for comments until 11th October and would encourage people to make their views known.

Granta Park had agreed to help fund improvement to the area at Fourwentway’s roundabout in Little Abington where commercial vehicles park overnight.

b) Consider application – Councillors unanimously recommended refusing the application. Comments: Additional traffic at the roundabout was a major concern and the congestion caused by a further 600 employees entering the Granta Park site. The size/scale of the building was a concern, as the current buildings fit reasonable well into the site but this building would be twice as high as the trees therefore would not by shielded from view; the new building would be overtly dominant locally in it proposed position. The concern was that further buildings would be taller and the whole campus would become very visible local. The lower Illumina building had caused consternation locally because it was so visisble. There were on-going problem with noise and light pollution (lights on all night in car parks) from the Granta Park site disturbing residents. The proposed Greenway was likely to go along Pampisford Road.

**Tony Orgee changed the order of the items discussed to authorising the payments, before discussing and selecting a contractor for the projects.**

**95 AUTHORISE THE PAYMENT OF SECTION 106 FUNDS TO ABINGTON RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE** (ARGC) to repair the floor area around the swing and to help fund the purchase of a new apparatus with 2 swings and a nest swing seat costing £17,000. **Councillors unanimously agreed to authorise the payment of £3,815.76 of section 106 funds to be used for off-site provision and future maintenance of public open space to be used by ARGC to repair the ground covering around the existing swing and other play equipment.**

**Councillors unanimously agreed to authorise the payment of £18,107.06 of section 106 funds to be used to buy new play equipment for the play area on the Recreation Ground to purchase and install a new swing , a basket seat plus a rocker.**

**94. SELECT A CONTRACTOR TO SUPPLY THE SWING from the 3 quotes received from Komplan, On-Line Play equipment and Playdale to resurface the floor near swing and to supply the new swings and rocker apparatus.**

Peter Brunning had explained the process of considering the contractors and the recommendation from ARCG in the Open Forum part of the meeting. Tony highlighted that the quote from On-line sent to the Parish Council was incomplete.

**Action: Tony Orgee** to ask Louise Patten to explain why ARGC selected the quote that was £2,000 more than the other cheaper quote. He would also ask for a full version of the quote from On-line play equipment to be forwarded to the Council, and an explanation for why they were ARCG’s preferred supplier over the cheaper quote form Play Dale.

**96. NAME FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT NEAR STAWBERRY FARM –** The developers had suggested the following names for the new residential road : Berryfields, Berry Fields, Berrycroft, and Berry Croft. StephEn McDonnell explained that there had been delivers to his house due to the site operating name and suggested not to use the word berry in the name at all , to prevent further delivery erors.

**Councillors unanimously agreed to suggest the name could be , ‘The Nurseries’**

**97. NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA on 15th November 2021.**

**Meeting closed at 7.40pm**