

Meeting No. 231 held on Monday 4th October 2021 at 6.30pm in the Abington Village Institute.

Meeting started at 6.30pm

Minutes

Present: Peter Brunning, Richard Allum, Richard Smith, Louise Patten, David Pimblet, Jill Carter & Charlotte Adams.

Apologies for absence: Den Tiplady, Genevieve Dalton, Stephen McDonnell & Alan Cooke

1. Minutes of previous meetings: 06.09.2021 Minutes to be considered at the next meeting
2. Matters arising – other than being considered below –none
3. Payment authorisation: Request on behalf of the Treasurer to authorise the payment for the work carried out by Mason Tree Contractors. Richard Smith stated that both he and David Pimblett were satisfied with the completed tree work. The payment of £216.00 was proposed by RS Seconded PB all members of committee agreed.
4. Upgrading of Junior Swings –As part of the improvements to the children's play area LP asked the committee to consider replacing the swings with a double bay to include two swings and a nest swing. Following the replacement of the fencing around the play area and increasing the play area space (several years ago) felt that there is now adequate room to accommodate a double bay swing. LP informed the committee that nest swings are becoming increasingly popular and feature in many new facilities. The committee considered the new swing upgrade and all were agreement agreed that a double swing and nest swing should be installed. Proposer – LP Seconded JC all the committee agreed

Replacement of Rocker –One of the rockers has been identified by the ROSPA report as requiring repair. The committee considered repairing the rocker but felt that a new rocker should be installed and the old one removed. LP proposed purchasing and installing a new rocker. Seconded: PB. All the committee were in agreement.

5. Consideration of 3 quotes for :Equipment maintenance and replacement
:Resurfacing around Children's play equipment

3 quotes have been sought and received for the:

- i. Repair of equipment in the Play area and Outdoor gym
- ii. Purchase and installation of safety surfacing in the play area
- iii. Replacement of play equipment

The committee was presented with the 3 quotes from: Playdale Playgrounds, Kompan Limited and Online Playgrounds (formerly Fenland Leisure).

Each of the quotes was discussed for its merits taking in consideration the pros and cons in terms of quality and value for money. LP and Richard Allum presented the quote from Playdale Playgrounds. PB presented the quote from Kompan Limited and RA & PB presented the quote from Online Playgrounds. RA was present at two of the three site visits by the companies which provided continuity. All members of the committee were encouraged to ask questions regarding the quotes and compare each quote on its own merits. LP Proposed that a vote should be held to identify the committees preferred quote/company. Seconded PB. The committee agreed and a vote was held.

Kompan Limited: 0 Votes

Playdale Playgrounds: 0 Votes

Online Playgrounds (formally Fenland Leisure): 7 Votes

6. Preferred quote (of 3) to put forward to GAPC for use of S106 funds for:
- i. Repair of equipment in the Play area and Outdoor gym
 - ii. Purchase and installation of safety surfacing in the play area
 - iii. Replacement of play equipment

Following the vote (see agenda item 5) it was unanimously agreed by the committee to put forward to Great Abington Parish Council - Online Playgrounds as the preferred company to complete the installation of the safety surfaces and repairs and replacement of equipment to the Play Area and Outdoor Fitness Equipment. The quote received was for £16435.93 including VAT. Proposer LP Seconded PB Committee all in agreement.

LP agreed to write a letter to Great Abington Parish Council to formally ask the committee to consider the recommendation and at the next Parish Council meeting.

7. Allocation of funds available: S106 The committee felt that in order to fund the upgrades and repairs ARGC should formally request that S106 Funds are used in the following priority order (due to the date that the funds need to be spent).

| Dwelling | | |
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| 105 High Street | Off-site provision and future maintenance of public outdoor space | £3815.76 |
| Land North of Pampisford Road. 20 New Dwellings at Moorefield | Update and improve children's play area | £18,107.06 |

LP was asked to include the funding allocation suggestion in the letter to GAPC.

8. Opportunity to site a new bench in the Recreation Ground donated by a member of the parish.

The committee felt that it would be appropriate to site a new bench in the Recreation Ground. Proposer: JC Secoded PB. All the committee agreed. LP to respond to the request made by GAPC.

9. New trees for the Recreation Ground

GAPC & LAPC have applied for vouchers to plant new trees in the Recreation Ground. David Pimblett on behalf of the ARGC will put forward suggestions for the tree varieties at the next meeting.

10. Date of next meeting Monday 8th September 2021.

Meeting ended: 7.30pm