Great Abington Parish Council

Clerk: Mrs. PM Harper

17 Lewis Crescent, Great Abington, Cambridge CB21 6AG

**A Meeting of Great Abington Parish Council**

To be held on Thursday 21st April 2022**, starting at 7.00pm at the** Institute.

**171. OPEN FORUM** Parishioners can raise any matters of concern.

**172. APOLOGIES**

**173. DECLARATION OF INTEREST IN ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED**

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

1. 22/01230/HFUL – 131 High Street – Demolition of single storey garage with replacement of two storey extension. Alterations and velux window to south elevation.

**175. CAN COUNCILLORS AGREE TO AUTHORISE THE PAYMENT OF THE INVOICES FOR THE PUMP TRACK & PLAY EQUIPMENT.**

**Conservfor - Pump Track** Invoice Value £58,310.00

VAT @ 20% £11,662.00

Total Invoice Value £69,972.00

Fenland Leisure – Play equipment – Total £16,219.93

**176. CAN COUNCILLORS AUTHORISE THE PAYMENT OF SECATION 106 FUNDS TO ABINGTON INSTITUTE FOR TERRACE TIMBER FRAMEWORK**

Estimate for replacing the timber framework to the terrace at the village hall. There is a marked increase on the original estimate, including the soaring material prices and the labour costs have gone up to include extra skilled labour to speed up the installation.

Abington village institute.

Estimate to replace existing glazed timber framework to the terrace. Reuse the existing pair of exit doors and add two additional opening vents. Redecorate as per existing. Remove all building waste from site.

Labour and materials £20,900

**Bernie asked** Could I formally request support from Great Abington Parish Council of £20,900 plus 10% contingency totalling £22,990. Any contingency unspent on the project would clearly be returned to the PC.

**177. DEED OF EASEMENT to the Recreation Ground**

Can Councillors accept the following changes to the deed of easement:

* The Wyld family reserve the right to relocate the road by giving you at least one month’s written notice. They may alter the route provided such alterations are not materially less convenient for you and the cost of any relocation works are to be paid by the Wyld family. If such event happens, you would both need to enter into a new deed to reflect the change of route but the rights would remain the same. Each party would be responsible for their own legal costs. I think this amendment is reasonable.
* You would need to pay the Wyld family the cost of maintaining the road within 30 days.
* Regarding the maintenance of the road, as previously mentioned in my email of 9 March it appears the Wyld family won’t budge on paragraph 1.6 of Schedule 4. As drafted though, I think this is reasonable as the grantor or their surveyor must take into account your recorded use of the road when determining what is a ‘fair and reasonable proportion’ – you will see at paragraph 1.9 of Schedule 4, you should keep a record of your use of the road. This would give you a strong defence in the event of a dispute on costs and I think is the best way of moving forward to completion. I would remind you that we are in fact gaining a legal easement over the Wyld’s land whereas before we had a licence which could be revoked by giving notice. I think we need to concede this point but am happy to discuss this with you.

The costs have exceeded the estimate previously given to you which was between £750 - £950 plus VAT. The estimated costs will be in the region of £1,250 plus VAT on the basis there have numerous amendments made to the documents and substantial negotiations with Peter Wyld.

**178. YEAR END FIGURES**

a) Authorisation of the financial year figures and the supporting statement**.**

b) The Internal Auditor needs to do their work, before the Council can complete the annual governance statement and approve and sign the annual return accounting statements. The Governance and Accountability Return ideally need to be authorised before 1st July.

c) The public inspection period for the audit would run from 13th June – 22nd July.

d) Authorise the Clerk to engage Mike Gutteridge as the internal auditor.

**NEXT MEETING’S AGENDA on 16th May 2022.**