

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 22nd February 2007 at 8.30 pm.

Present: Mrs C Barnett (Chairman)
Mr J Denison
Mrs A Lawson

14. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs Botting.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

16. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the 25th January 2007 were received and signed.

17. MATTERS ARISING

18. PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

19. QUOTATIONS FOR PLAY EQUIPMENT IN MASON'S WAY PLAY AREA

Members studied the quotations obtained from three providers of play equipment. Although the plans from Proludic were deemed to be excellent, they were thought too be too expensive at £28000+. The Committee was impressed by the plans provided by SMP Playgrounds, as their quotations were £13249.89 and ££8662.65. It was agreed that the Clerk should meet with Mrs Barnett and Mr Ampstead to apply for grant funding of the project. .

20. VILLAGE OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

The Clerk advised the Committee she had had a very useful meeting with John Berry, the Chairman of Ashington Parish Council and former National winners of the Village of the Year Competition. It was agreed the Clerk should approach Rob Aylott and Anne Ball to see whether they would be willing to become involved. Mr Denison stated he was willing to represent the Parish Council in this venture.

21. QUOTATION FROM PROFESSIONAL WEED SOLUTIONS

This subject had been discussed at the meeting with the Advisory Committee, held earlier in the evening. It had been agreed the Clerk should obtain another quotation from Professional Weed Solutions, to include having to make two visits to the Recreation Ground.

22. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

22.1 Survey of the Trees on the Recreation Ground

The Committee was asked to receive the quotations from two arboriculturists. They RESOLVED to accept the quotation from Quaife Woodlands, who had conducted the same survey four years ago and had quoted £250 + VAT. The quotations from Honey Tree Specialists were for ££925 + VAT and £1125 +

VAT. The Clerk was instructed to advise Quaife to undertake the survey as soon as possible.

22.2 Allotments

Members were asked to decide the amount of the increase on allotment rental for the forthcoming year. After a brief discussion, it was RESOLVED the increase should be 3%, the same as last year's increase. The Assistant Clerk was instructed to contact all allotment holders to inform them of the new rate and to ask for a volunteer to take Peter Cooper's place on the Advisory Committee, as Mr Cooper was now unavailable on a Thursday evening.

23. CORRESPONDENCE

23.1 The Conservation Foundation

Members noted the grant application for Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground has been short-listed for consideration in March/April

24. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Denison asked if the Clerk would make further enquiries into the wheelchair access for East Glebe Field. He agreed to draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

Mr Denison also advised that the bench in Potts Lane needed repainting. The Clerk was instructed to ask Danny Flynn to do the work.

Mrs Lawson informed the Committee there were deep potholes in Nutbourne Lane between Redfold Farm and Woodleigh. The Clerk was instructed to request repair work should be done by WSCC Highways as a matter of urgency.

25. PAYMENTS

As only one signatory was present, it was agreed the resolution to approve the signing of the cheques be postponed until the meeting of Planning and Services on 1st March 2007.

The Meeting Closed at 8.57 p.m.

..... Chairman

..... Date