

GREAT TEY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Tey on Tuesday 23rd August 2022 at 7.30pm
Present: Cllr Bartleet, Cllr Fairs (Chair), Cllr Frances, Cllr Frost, Cllr Hill, Cllr Warnes, Clerk Mr D Williams,
No member of the public attended. The meeting was advertised in the usual way.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Cllr Hamer

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None.

The meeting was suspended.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

None.

The meeting resumed.

3. EXTENSION OF THE PLAY AREA AT HAROLD FAIRS RECREATION GROUND

Cllr Fairs said that Cllr Frost had done a huge amount of work in organising the proposed extension of the play area. He asked those present to show their appreciation and a round of applause followed. Cllr Frost said that from the consultations which were direct, at the village hall and on line there was overwhelmingly positive feedback from the school, village hall and online, and keen for us to progress the project quickly. The HAGS design is preferred and includes large climbing multiplay, 4 unit swing, rope snake swing, 30m zip wire, roundabout, trampoline and 2 new swing seats for the existing area.

Emails have been received from parishioners and plans have been adjusted accordingly, such as the zip wire which is now to run parallel to the football pitch, approximately 60 metres away from any house.

He proposed that we proceed with HAGS & DCM surfacing at £62,000, being cheaper than the other quotation (at £70,000), with better quality and larger equipment, and better design service. There is a 10-12 week lead time.

Cllr Frost proposed that we proceed with JPB Landscapes at £3,101.10 for removal of the bridge and the mound to be reshaped to fill in the underpass. The proposal is low and cost effective, and the consultation confirmed people do not value the bridge and the underpass is a hazard. There is the potential to retain and store the bridge, subject to finding a storage location.

He referred to the path work required and proposed that we proceed with HAGS tarmac, approximately £3353, and a detailed quote is required. This minimises project management required.

The present budget (all excluding VAT) is:-

Play equipment and surfacing by HAGS and DCM	£ 62,000.00
Soil removal & reshaping of mound by JPB Landscapes	£ 3,101.10
Pathways by HAGS	£ 3,353.00
SUB TOTAL	£ 68,454.10
Already drawn for Playquip refurbishments	£ 3,460.00
TOTAL	£ 71,914.10
S 106 funding approved	£ 82,207.07
Benches, fencing, contingency TO BE DRAWN	£ 10,292.97

Members agreed to all proposals unanimously.

The clerk was asked to write to Colchester Borough Council (CBC) sending the accepted quotes and asking for approval that we can formally accept and instruct, noting that we will send either invoices at the end of the project or an interim request for payment. Approval is to be requested as soon as possible in view of time constraints. **Action - Clerk to write to CBC.**

Members agreed that the works to the mound could proceed before approval is received from CBC as this could be funded from existing funds if necessary.

The clerk was asked to write to the parish council insurers advising them of the intention to increase the play equipment which includes a zip wire, so that increased insurance costs can be included in the annual budget together with increased maintenance of the play equipment. **Action – Clerk to write to insurers and adjust proposed annual budget accordingly.**

There being no further business the parish council meeting was closed at 9.10 pm.

Chairman..... Date.....