

COMBERTON PARISH COUNCIL
The minutes of the extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on
Wednesday 22nd January 2014 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm

Members present:	Miss A Bacon (Chairman)	Mr B Pemberton ^(BP)
Councillors:	Mr P Crossley ^(PC)	Mrs J Preston ^(JP)
	Mr R Elleray ^(RE)	Mr T Scott ^(TS)
	Mr H Griffiths ^(HG)	Mr N Taylor ^(NT)
	Mr A Hollick ^(AH)	Miss C Westgarth ^(CW)
	Dr J McCabe ^(JM)	

In attendance: Emma Smith (Comberton Playground Project) and Mrs A Griffiths (Minutes Secretary, LGS Services).

1. Apologies for absence and declarations of interest

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Moffat.

1.1 To receive declarations of interests from councillors on items on the agenda

None.

1.2 To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any)

None.

1.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

Comments & observations from members of the public and County and District Councillor reports

None.

2. Matters arising or carried forward from the last meeting or a previous meeting for discussion or decision and to note the Clerk's report

2.1 Proposal by Cllr Griffiths that the Council approves the Speedcut quote so that work can start on the pitches project to comply with grant conditions

Cllr Griffiths reported on the need to commence work on the project by the end of March, to avoid the risk of losing the Community Foundation's AmeyCespa grant funding. Following a discussion between Agrostis and the preferred contractor, Agrostis believed that sufficient work would have been done by the end of March to enable invoices to be submitted. The reasons for the increase in the Speedcut quote were discussed. The item "General Requirements" is to be clarified.

RESOLVED to accept the quote from Speedcut in the revised sum of £82,451.90. ^(Prop HG, 2nd JP unanimous)

2.1 Proposal by Cllr Crossley that the Council approves the revised plan for a first phase of playground equipment installation and appoints a contractor

Cllr Crossley reported on the outcome of the AmeyCespa grant application and the grant of £28,000 that had been awarded, which must be spent by the end of March. As the amount awarded was less than anticipated, following a site meeting with the preferred supplier, a revised quote for Phase 1a had been obtained covering the dome, cableway and groundworks /installation.

Funding in place to meet the total cost of £54,518.12 excluding VAT is made up from:
£17,700 from Comberton Playground Project
£8,970 From previously agreed S106 monies
£25,200 AmeyCespa grant (£28,000 - £2800 third party funding)
TOTAL £51,870, leaving a shortfall for Phase 1a of £2,648

It was noted that WREN funding of £50,000 was expected in approximately six weeks' time, and S106 funds, the amount as yet unknown, were anticipated.

A plan showing the proposed location of the equipment was circulated. Four existing pieces of equipment will be demolished and removed to make way for the new equipment.

It was noted that the quotations were not exactly like for like due to differences in the products of each manufacturer, but they were comparable. The preferred equipment for phases 1a was from Kompan.

Cllr Westgarth left the meeting during this item.

RESOLVED ^(Prop PC, 2nd BP unanimous) to approve the revised plan for the first phase of the playground equipment installation and accept Kompan's revised quotation of 17 January 2014 for £54,518.12 plus VAT with the shortfall in funding to be met from the contingency budget pending further discussion about the S106 money at the next meeting.

3. Closure of meeting

An extra-ordinary meeting is to be convened on 3 February at 7.30 pm to discuss correspondence from SCDC about the proposed development at Bennell Farm.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.05 pm.

Signed Chairmandate

